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How hospitals profited from pushing minors to ‘gender care’

A new HHS report, “Wolves in White Coats,” says hospitals nationwide, including Mount Sinai in New York, pushed $120 million in transgender drugs and surgeries on minors, sometimes billing Medicaid under fraudulent labels. Clementine Breen (right) says she was fast-tracked into puberty blockers at age 12 by Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles despite needing therapy.

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Smallpox history unwrapped

It's a viral theory made true.

A DNA analysis of mummies in Chile has confirmed the longstanding theory that European colonists brought smallpox to the Americas, unleashing a plague that decimated native populations, per a study in the journal Science.

"We interpreted this as the first direct molecular evidence of smallpox introduction into the Americas through European colonization," said study author Shigeki Nakagome at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, New Scientist reported.

Historians believe that the infection killed 95% of the Americas' indigenous inhabitants, paving the way for their conquest at the hands of Europeans, according to historian Matthew Ward of the University of Dundee, Smithsonian Magazine reported.

Now, Nakagome and his team have found evidence of this inadvertent bioweapons campaign after revisiting bone samples collected from a repository at Camarones in northern Chile.

Gene analysis of the mummified skeletons of two people interred at the site during the Spanish colonial period revealed traces of ancient smallpox that were similar to the European strains.

This marked the first evidence of the disease in that region.

It would also help explain the lesions found on the mummies, which had previously been attributed to arsenic exposure. *Ben Cost*

Blood cancer Rx approval

The FDA approved Bristol Myers Squibb's oral combination treatment for patients with a rare form of blood cancer whose illness had relapsed or not responded to other treatments, the health regulator said.

The drug, iberdomide, with brand name Zenbexus, is given in combination with J&J's Darzalex and dexamethasone, a prescription medication used to reduce inflammation.

Iberdomide was being tested in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma, a cancer that forms in a type of white blood cell called a plasma cell that builds up in the bone marrow.

Full approval for the drug for this condition will be contingent on the verification of clinical benefit in the confirmatory trials, Bristol said.

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BARBIE SEQUEL 'DOLL'AY

Warner Bros./Getty Images

KEN IT HAPPEN? The first "Barbie" film earned $1.4 billion, so stars Ryan Gosling and Margot Robbie want huge paydays for a sequel.

Talks stall over pay

By ERIC TODISCO

Margot Robbie made a whopping $50 million from starring in and producing "Barbie," according to a new report, and could make even more off a sequel — if it ever happens.

Sources told Variety that Warner Bros. Discovery CEO David Zaslav has refused to pay the salaries demanded for the core "Barbie 2" team, which includes Robbie, 36, her co-star Ryan Gosling, director Greta Gerwig and Gerwig's co-writer husband, Noah Baumbach.

The studio has allegedly made more than six offers in the last three years since "Barbie" came out, but they've all been rejected.

The latest offer, per Variety, was the highest Warner Bros. studio has ever offered for a filmmaking team. One source described the amount as "life-changing money."

Another source insisted the individual compensation offered to Robbie, Gosling, Gerwig and Baumbach is not unprecedented, but the combined figure is "historic."

The offer includes "pay bumps in upfront fees and generous increases in back-end participation" for the core team of four, minus Baumbach, who would only get "a fee hike."

Gosling, 45, is reportedly asking for $20 million to reprise his Oscar-nominated role as Ken in the sequel.

One insider claimed that if Warner Bros. can't reach an agreement with the foursome, the "Barbie" movie rights will go to toy company Mattel, who can license the brand to another studio.

Aside from confirming Robbie's "Barbie" payday, sources told Variety that Gerwig, 43, made "tens of millions of dollars" from the 2023 film.

Sequel idea in place

Gerwig and Baumbach have an idea for a sequel, Variety confirmed, but the couple reportedly won't tell Warner Bros. about the concept or start writing it until the contracts are signed.

After "Barbie" earned $1.4 billion worldwide, the team — including Gerwig — spoke about the possibility of making a sequel.

"My North Star is 'What do I deeply love? What do I really care about?' Like, 'What's the story underneath this story?' " the filmmaker said at Time's Women of the Year event in March 2024.

"And I think with 'Barbie,' the story underneath this story was I loved 'Barbie,' " Gerwig continued. "If I find the undertow, then we get it. If I don't find an undertow, there's no more."

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HOSPS IN $120M

Run up billing via US minors

CASE STUDY #1
Soren Aldaco

By CHRIS NESI

US hospitals and clinics have billed out nearly $120 million in gender-related medical treatments to minors since 2019, putting thousands of children on an expensive and irreversible treadmill requiring lifelong upkeep — with the blessing of doctors and lefty politicians.

The bombshell report from President Trump's Department of Health and Human Services also claims insurance fraud is rampant, with evidence suggesting pediatric gender clinics and children's hospitals are creatively cooking the books to get young patients treatment.

Those with the highest billings — which encompassed more than 5,500 surgical procedures and 8,500 courses of hormone treatments — were some of the largest children's hospitals in the country, including Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and Boston Children's Hospital, HHS found.

The unsettling findings have prompted the Trump administration to launch a criminal investigation.

WOLVES IN WHITE COATS:
How Doctors and Hospitals Pushed and Profited from the Fraud of "Gender Medicine"

Stephen Yang; HHS

CASHING IN: Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York billed $8.2M for gender-related care between 2019 and 2023.

'Financial incentives'

The 64-page report, titled "Wolves in White Coats," documents what the agency calls irreparable "harm to America's youth" inflicted over the last decade or so by healthcare providers and hospital systems that have allegedly lined their pockets by promoting costly procedures and treatments for gender-confused minors.

"The policies of President Donald J. Trump have discouraged hospitals from providing these interventions. But how was this madness allowed to fester under America's hospital system?" the report asks in the introduction.

"This report concludes that a litany of political and financial incentives led providers to offer, and indeed urge, the prescription of sex-rejection drugs and surgeries for minors."

HHS points to "financial incentives" as one potential explanation for the explosion in gender-related care for minors — as hospitals sought a way to juice profits in pediatric departments, which typically bring in lower margins than other specialties.

"Gender clinics changed that calculus by introducing a novel source of revenue: They promised a new stream of continuous revenue for pediatrics, endocrinology and surgical specialties by taking physiologically healthy young people — who otherwise would not need to seek medical attention — and rendering them dependent for life on the medical system."

The report cited watchdog analyses that have found hospitals and clinics have billed almost $120 million in gender-care treatments since 2019 — involving 5,500 surgical procedures and 8,500 courses of hormones or blockers.

Misusing diagnoses

HHS accuses healthcare providers of willfully misusing diagnostic codes — diagnosing patients with endocrine disorder or precocious puberty — to get insurance to foot the bill or to protect a patient's privacy.

Youths being typically healthier than the general public and requiring less and less frequent medical care means fewer organic opportunities to provide pricier treatments — unless you manufacture them.

Citing claims data from a comprehensive 2022 report spanning nearly three decades, HHS writes that annual healthcare spending for a child under 18 averaged around $3,000, far less than a lifetime of hormone treat-

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GENDER 'SCAMS'

Soren was a teen when she began feeling distress about her body and gender identity.

Like many others, she turned to the internet, where she found communities that framed gender transitioning as the only "appropriate response" to her feelings. And when she ended up talking to a doctor about the issue, Soren was placed on testosterone with an array of specialists from a therapist to doctors and surgeons treating her for gender dysphoria — while the teen wasn't presented with any treatment options beyond a "sex-rejection" model.

She began taking testosterone and then received a double mastectomy to remove her breasts — only to begin suffering severe complications after surgery that left her in pain that she said "I don't think I'll ever forget."

"Despite these negative developments, providers did not initiate a structured reassessment of her treatment plan," a federal report read, noting the support she received after her treatments was almost nonexistent compared with the systems that readily pushed her into the life-altering decisions.

"Soren's experience reflects the imbalance of care for cases like hers," the report read. "While her pathway into sex-rejection medicalization involved coordinated referrals, approvals and interventions across multiple providers, the pathway out involved no comparable system of support."

X / Soren Aldaco (2)

CASE STUDY #2
Luke Healy

Independent Women

Luke was just 10 years old when he began exploring anime and fantasy online but found himself in the thick of a community full of adults discussing transgenderism, according to the HHS report.

Within three years, Luke had become convinced he was girl, and when he went to his parents about it, they took him to a counselor to discuss it.

"The only people who seriously asked what might have caused his distress were his parents," the report read. "Meanwhile, institutional figures . . . treated his new identity as settled.

"Luke's parents refused to consent to puberty blockers or hormones while he was still a minor," the report added. "Luke now describes their refusal as one of the bravest things they ever did."

But by the time he turned 18 Luke still believed he was a girl, and now as a legal adult he began pursuing transitioning treatments. "Each intervention led to pressure for further intervention," the report read.

Instead of trying to become a girl, Luke instead focused on fighting the substance-abuse problems he had developed along the way — he quit drinking and using drugs, and in doing so found something oddly familiar about them.

"He recognized the same obsessive, destructive pattern in gender ideology that he had seen in addiction," the report read.

ments or a single operation.

According to HHS, hormone therapy costs between $545 a year for androgens and $735 for estrogen and a whopping $16,385 for the far more expensive "puberty blocker" hormone GnRH.

"Lifetime totals for a patient starting as a minor can reach $25,000-$75,000 even without surgeries," HHS writes, citing figures from transgender advocacy group Human Rights Campaign. "When surgeries are included, individual lifetime spending on surgical interventions can easily exceed $100,000 and approach $170,000."

'Area of growth'

Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and Boston Children's Hospital billed $8.2 million and $6.5 million, respectively, for gender-related care between 2019 and 2023.

HHS notes these sky-high price tags exclude ancillary treatments like banking egg or sperm cells, voice therapy, hair removal and more.

"In an era of razor-thin pediatric margins and pressure on hospital reimbursements, this new patient cohort — young, insured or Medicaid-eligible and requiring perpetual follow-ups — represented a strategic area of growth," the report notes.

"Endocrinology and surgery departments gained volume and prestige, while hospital administrators gained a reliable revenue line that helps subsidize lower-margin services." The process for reversing many of these treatments, particularly those undertaken before or during puberty, serves to "further embed the patient in the medical system," subjecting patients to still more expensive treatments, according to the report.

Some patients who have medically transitioned later seek to "detransition," HHS writes.

In tandem with the report's release, the Trump administration announced it was launching a criminal investigation. "This Administration will not stand idly by while some in the medical community harm our children in search of profit," Vice President JD Vance posted on X Thursday.

HHS writes that evidence indicates health providers may be committing fraud in several ways, including inflated billings, deliberate misdiagnosing or misusing medical coding to defraud private insurance carriers and government programs including Medicaid and Medicare.

RUNAWAY TRANS

These doctors

Admiral BRIAN CHRISTINE, MD & DR. AARON KHERIATY

CLEMENTINE Breen was only 14 years old when she underwent a double mastectomy. Breen was put on puberty blockers at age 12 after she expressed discomfort with her changing body and started questioning her sex.

By 13, with the help of the Center for Transyouth Health and Development at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, she was on testosterone, chemically altering her body to resemble a boy. The mastectomy, at 14, was simply the next stop on a treatment track she'd been riding since she was barely old enough to understand what any of it meant or the lifelong complications she might face.

At 18, Breen transitioned back to her biological sex after receiving therapy for childhood sexual abuse.

But seeking care for her detransition brought scrutiny instead of support: a breast reconstruction consultation turned into repeated questioning of her psychological stability — scrutiny she did not face when requesting a mastectomy at 14 — and one of her former doctors cut off communication entirely once he learned she was transitioning back.

Many complications

Breen still lives with complications from the interventions she underwent as a teenager. She has irregular, untrackable menstrual cycles, severe cramps and hormonal instability, chest pain during menstruation and vaginal atrophy requiring topical estrogen. One OB-GYN admitted that no standard care plan exists for someone with her history.

Breen's story is one of thousands: Children steered toward irreversible medicalization on

CASE STUDY #3 Clementine Breen

Clementine was just 12 years old and anxious about her changing adolescent body, while simultaneously grappling with unprocessed trauma from sexual abuse years earlier.

Desperate for an escape, she discovered the idea of transitioning gender in an internet search, and thought it would be the perfect refuge for her puberty fears.

At her first medical appointment at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, which was about an hour long, doctors told Clementine's parents their daughter was "100% trans" and at a high risk of suicide without medical intervention.

Her terrified parents agreed, and she was placed on puberty blockers a month later, then testosterone at 13 before undergoing a double mastectomy at 14.

Clementine's mental health cratered, culminating in a psychotic episode, and she began suffering from insomnia, disordered eating and fits of anger.

Not one of her doctors attributed her symptoms to her undergoing hormone therapy, instead loading her up with psychiatric drugs, according to an HHS report.

Only once she started undergoing serious therapy for her condition did she realize her gender confusion likely stemmed from her sexual abuse, and she stopped taking testosterone at 18. But her body was left a wreck, full of pain and irregular menstruation cycles, and requiring estrogen to reverse the damage.

Jordan B. Peterson/YouTube

US united on trans in sports

Almost three-quarters of Americans don't want trans women competing against female athletes in sporting events and vice versa — with both Republicans and Democrats united on the issue, a new poll has found.

Seventy-three percent of US adults surveyed were uncomfortable with "transgender athletes competing on sports teams that don't match their sex at birth," according to an analysis from Pew Research Center released on Tuesday.

Just 13% of adults said they were extremely or very comfortable with trans athletes competing against those who align with their gender identity, while 14% said they were somewhat comfortable.

Republicans and Democrats both agreed on the issue, although to different degrees, with 91% of conservatives and 55% of progressives admitting they are uncomfortable with it.

Men and women were also in agreement on the issue, with the majority of both sexes admitting they were not comfortable with it.

Seventy-seven percent of men and 69% of women were against the idea of trans athletes competing with those born a different sex.

Anthony Blair

operate immorally

the promise it would fix them and who were then left to face the damage alone.

As physicians ourselves, we cannot read Breen's story without thinking of the oath we took at the beginning of our careers, one built on the basic principle that a doctor's first duty is to do no harm.

That oath is meant to guide every care decision and ensure patients can trust that doctors have their best interests at heart, especially, as in Breen's case, when the patient is too young to fully understand the decisions being made for her.

Yet physicians' betrayal of their patients' best interests goes beyond mere pressure and influence.

'Insurance fraud'

A new report published by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, titled "Wolves in White Coats: How Doctors and Hospitals Pushed and Profited from the Fraud of 'Gender Medicine,' " reveals healthcare professionals profited off pediatric sex-rejecting procedures by setting vulnerable children on a lifelong path of medicalization.

Such a lucrative revenue stream was not confined to a handful of bad actors, however. The report documents examples from clinics in multiple states, housed within major academic medical centers, large private hospital systems — including some of the top-ranked children's hospitals — and community clinics, many of them enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare programs that serve children.

For the doctors and institutions involved, the financial upside was substantial.

For example, a single mastectomy nets a provider more than $12,000 from insurers, and so-called "bottom surgeries" can cost well over $100,000 once staged procedures and follow-up care are factored in.

One watchdog database tracking billing for minors found nearly $120 million in charges nationwide since 2019, spanning thousands of surgeries and courses of hormones and puberty blockers.

Some institutions profited more than others. Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and Boston Children's Hospital were among the top-grossing providers nationwide, billing more than $8 million and $6.5 million, respectively, for these services to minors between 2019 and 2023.

Worse, the report presents evidence that providers secured insurance coverage for these procedures through potentially fraudulent means, systematically diagnosing minors with conditions they did not have — endocrine disorders or precocious puberty — in order to justify coverage for treatments like breast removal and hormone therapy that insurers otherwise would have denied.

Children's Hospital
LOS ANGELES
MARION AND JOHN E. ANDERSON PAVILION
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES
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CAN'T UNDO DAMAGE: Children's Hospital Los Angeles began transitioning a patient when she was just 12 years old, leaving her with many complications after returning to her biological sex at 18.

AFP via Getty Images

Betrayal of oath for profit and politics

'Criminal liability'

The report's own analysis of a nationwide insurance claims database shows that between 2015 and 2025, private and public insurers were billed nearly $50 million for puberty blockers prescribed to children ages 9 to 17 under an endocrine disorder diagnosis, a code that a separate Manhattan Institute analysis found rose 30% among minors between 2020 and 2022.

The pattern is even starker with the diagnosis of early onset, or precocious puberty. Insurers, including Medicaid and Medicare, were billed nearly $11 million for puberty blockers prescribed to hundreds of patients between ages 13 and 17 under that diagnosis, even though by definition no one 13 or older can actually have precocious puberty. These findings expose the providers and institutions involved to potential civil and criminal liability.

None of this happened in a vacuum. Hours after his inauguration in 2021, then-President Joe Biden signed an executive order declaring it the policy of his administration to combat discrimination based on so-called "gender identity," directing every federal agency to act accordingly.

Biden's HHS followed within months, announcing it would treat any refusal to provide or cover sex-rejecting procedures by doctors, hospitals or insurers as a form of illegal sex discrimination.

Doctors strong-armed

That pressure was echoed and reinforced by medical associations like the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and the Endocrine Society, whose guidelines, which were not grounded in scientific evidence, gave political dictate the appearance of settled science, leaving doctors who might otherwise have exercised caution at risk of professional censure.

As physicians, we entered this field believing that our first obligation was to the patient in front of us, not to the prevailing political consensus. It is long past time for our profession, and the political and academic institutions that govern it, to reckon with how badly that trust was betrayed and to hold accountable the doctors, hospitals and policymakers responsible.

Clementine Breen cannot get her body back. But the thousands of children still ahead of her deserve a medical system that puts their well-being above ideology, profit and political pressure. That work starts with honesty about what happened — and it starts now.

Admiral Brian Christine is the assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services and worked with Dr. Aaron Kheriaty on the "Wolves in White Coats" report.

‘Choke’ cop guilty

Bx. officer in ‘Floyd’ law conviction axed

By JOE MARINO
and AMANDA WOODS

A Bronx cop was found guilty Thursday of strangulation and using a prohibited chokehold — the first time an NYPD officer has been convicted under the city’s post-George Floyd ban of the restraint tactic, the district attorney’s office said.

Officer Omar Habib — who had been on the job since 2007 — was fired after a jury convicted him of wrapping his arms around an arrested man’s neck, causing him to lose consciousness, on July 28, 2023, according to authorities and prosecutors.

He was found guilty of second-degree strangulation — a violent felony that could land him in prison for seven years — in addition to third-degree assault and unlawful methods of restraint, according to the Bronx DA’s Office.

This marks the first time an NYPD cop was convicted under the third charge — a misdemeanor that falls under New York City Statute 10-181, making chokehold use by police officers illegal.

The reform was sparked by Floyd’s police-involved death in Minneapolis in 2020.

Habib and other officers were attempting to arrest Lord Nymaah, who got into a fight at an Eastchester Road catering-hall party and began punching the bathroom mirrors, Assistant DA Michael Naughton said at trial, according to Gothamist.

Nyamah said his hand was cut so badly that blood soaked through his shirt that he used to wrap the wound. And while he was in the back of an ambulance, Habib attempted to cuff him.

‘Drunk and disorderly’

Nymaah was “drunk and disorderly and refused to be placed under arrest,” Bronx prosecutors said.

Habib, assigned to the 47th Precinct, then placed Nymaah “in a chokehold so tightly, it impeded the man’s breathing and circulation, resulting in his temporary loss of consciousness,” prosecutors said.

“I said, ‘Why are you choking me?’ ” Nyamah testified. “He said, ‘No one is choking you.’ ”

The officer’s defense attorney, Jacob Weinstein, argued that evidence does not indicate Nymaah lost consciousness because of Habib’s actions, Gothamist reported.

And if that was the case, the officer never intended that outcome, according to the attorney — who during the tense ordeal contended his client “did exactly what he should have done.”

Following the incident, Habib was reassigned to the PSA 5 Viper unit, overseeing surveillance footage in NYCHA complexes, online records show.

But as of Wednesday, he was officially dismissed from the department, the NYPD confirmed.

Habib had a slew of complaints and allegations leveled against him over the years — including for the use of physical force, abuse of authority and discourtesy, public records show. He has also been named in six lawsuits, which resulted in a total payout of $854,000.

Patrick Hendry, president of the Police Benevolent Association, blasted the decision.

“This verdict is just further proof of a grim reality: every second police officers spend on this job puts them at risk of criminal prosecution, and pervasive anti-police propaganda has made it incredibly difficult to receive a fair trial based on nothing but the facts and the law,” the union head said in a statement.

Habib — initially indicted in the case in September 2024 — was ordered held on Rikers Island until his next court date on Sept. 10, for defense motions.

> ‘Every second police officers spend on this job puts them at risk of criminal prosecution.’
>
> —Patrick Hendry, president of the Police Benevolent Association

Judge walks it back

ALBANY — New York Chief Judge Rowan Wilson was forced to admit he shouldn’t have called on voters to oust jurists who believe in “stupid” long sentences.

Wilson faced a complaint filed by a group of Republican state lawmakers, who said he crossed a line when he told attendees at a CUNY Law School forum earlier this year that voting out hard-nosed judges was “something you can do for me.”

“I wish I had been clearer,” Wilson wrote to the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, according to its letter ultimately dismissing the complaint.

He said the remarks were a reaction to hearing about an unnamed judge calling a defendant an “animal” who “should be locked up” for the rest of his life before sentencing him.

Wilson — who once penned a widely panned legal opinion arguing that an elephant at the Bronx Zoo had the same rights as humans — said he lost control amid “extreme disgust of the comparison of human beings to caged animals.”

“I should have said that the voters have that ability and should become informed and express their preferences through the electoral process,” Wilson wrote.

Judges must stick to strict rules governing their political statements, one of the bases for the GOP pols’ complaint. A spokesperson for Wilson did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

State Sen. Anthony Palumbo (R-Suffolk) said, “I’m glad to see that Judge Wilson’s conduct was addressed.” *Vaughn Golden*

NJ ‘$650M fraudster’ on FBI wanted list

An alleged New Jersey thief who bilked investors out of more than $650 million has been named one of the FBI’s Most Wanted Fraudsters — the first Garden State resident to appear on the infamous list.

Fugitive Rey E. Grabato II is accused of participating in a Ponzi scheme that defrauded some 2,000 investors, hundreds in New Jersey, between February 2018 and January 2022, according to the FBI.

The agency is offering a reward of up to $150,000 for information that leads to Grabato’s arrest and conviction.

Federal authorities issued an arrest warrant for him in October 2022 and the alleged fraudster has been on the run since.

He was acting as president and majority owner of National Realty Investment Advisors, LLC — a company he operated with alleged co-conspirators — that misrepresented the value of its investment fund reportedly used to acquire equity interests in companies that invested in real estate assets, according to the FBI.

The fugitive also allegedly participated in a separate scheme to impede the IRS in its efforts to collect approximately $26 million in outstanding tax liabilities owed to the US government. *Ella Morrison*

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BOLTINHOUSE
Axed Miss North Carolina.

‘I’m not sorry for N-word’

Dethroned Miss North Carolina USA winner Brittany Boltinhouse emphatically refused to apologize for using the N-word in old social media posts — as she doubled down on claims she was stripped of her title because of her religious and conservative beliefs.

Boltinhouse, 27, is gearing up to file a lawsuit after she was forced to give back the crown over the disturbing posts she is accused of penning between 2017 and 2019.

“I’m going to address those [posts] in my lawsuit. I’m not going to deny them or run from them,” she told the Daily Mail Wednesday.

“But they did not take my crown because of those posts. [It] was because of my political and religious stance.

“My rights were violated and I’m going to stand up for myself. They defined a narrative and I’m here to redefine that now.”

In a statement provided to The Post, Blaize Productions, which runs the competition in North Carolina and other states, denied Boltinhouse’s claims.

When asked if she should apologize for the posts, she arrogantly responded, “No. Not at all.” *Chris Bradford*

Reuters

LUIGI EYES GUILTY PLEA

‘Murderer’s bid to avoid life in fed case

By LARRY CELONA, JOE MARINO
and BEN KOCHMAN

Luigi Mangione is expected to plead guilty Friday in his federal case tied to his alleged execution of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson — in an apparent bid to dodge a life sentence, sources confirmed to the Post.

The 28-year-old accused killer — who is set to appear at a morning hearing in Manhattan federal court — is charged with two counts of stalking resulting in death stemming from his alleged December 2024 cold-blooded murder of the powerful executive on a Manhattan sidewalk.

Mangione would still likely face a potential life sentence if he were to plead guilty in federal court, but he would hope that US District Judge Margaret Garnett doles out a lesser sentence, according to sources familiar with the matter.

The sources cautioned that Mangione could still decide against copping the plea at any moment before or even during Friday’s court appearance.

BIG DEAL: Alleged healthcare CEO killer Luigi Mangione (above) is expected to plead guilty in federal court today with supporters like Ashley Rojas and Abril Rios (green top) looking on.

Double jeopardy

Such a deal could end up crippling a separate state case — where a trial is set to start Sept. 8 — because of New York’s rules against double jeopardy, or being tried twice for the same crime.

The Manhattan District Attorney’s Office — which has claimed “primary jurisdiction” in the case because it charged Mangione with the murder first — could still push to take Mangione to trial if it disapproves of the terms of any plea deal.

The preppy University of Pennsylvania grad is charged in the federal case with two counts of stalking resulting in death. Two other counts, including a death-penalty-eligible count of murder through use of a firearm, were tossed, with a judge citing “legal infirmities.”

The scion of a wealthy Maryland family led authorities on a dramatic five-day manhunt before local cops in Altoona, Pa., finally nabbed him while he munched on breakfast at a local McDonald’s.

Prosecutors say he plotted the shocking killing to make a violent political statement, leaving behind bullet casings at the crime scene with the words “delay” and “deny” etched into them — echoing a phrase insurers allegedly use to describe dodging paying out claims.

The federal trial, if a plea is not worked out, is tentatively scheduled for early 2027.

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Beat suspect killer ex-con

A suspect in a caught-on-camera attack on right-wing provocateur Jake Lang is a “criminal illegal alien from Iraq” who previously served a lengthy prison sentence for a murder in Detroit, according to the feds.

Abbas Abdoush, 57, emigrated to the US from Iraq in 1992 but lost his legal status when he was convicted of second-degree murder in 1999, a year after intentionally crashing a borrowed van into a woman, according to court records viewed by Detroit News.

Abdoush served more than 15 years and was ordered to be removed from the US in June 2022, according to ICE.

However, he was arrested Aug. 2 at the annual Arbaeen celebration in Muslim-heavy Dearborn for allegedly assaulting Lang as the controversial campaigner shouted anti-immigrant, pro-ICE rhetoric through a bullhorn from the sidewalk.

Chris Nesi

Pol’s kin disputes suicide

An Oklahoma state Senate candidate who was found shot to death inside a crashed pickup truck died by suicide — but family members are disputing the official report due to an alleged “staged” scene.

Barry Christian, a Trump-supporting Republican vying for the District 38 Senate seat in western Oklahoma, was found dead from a gunshot wound to the head on April 30, the Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner announced in a preliminary report Tuesday.

The manner of Christian’s death was ruled suicide, a single-page report obtained by NonDoc said.

The 54-year-old’s body was found by a hunter who alerted authorities.

Officials were investigating whether Christian’s death was staged after finding his truck riddled with several bullet holes, his family said.

Nicholas McEntyre

SCOOP, there it is!

City's pet project vs. dog poop

By HANNAH FIERICK

They're on poop patrol.

The City Council is waging a war against dog poop — passing four laws aimed at cleaning up the city's rampant pet feces problem on Thursday.

The slate of bills — which passed with a veto-proof majority — includes a mandate to install at least 1,200 dog waste bag dispensers on public trash cans, a three-year PSA campaign and a volunteer poop-pickup program seeking to turn dog waste into compost.

The council's pet project, coined the SCOOP Act, will cost the city roughly $180,000 in fiscal year 2027, in what the body is calling a "modest investment" to curb the poo-problem.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG
Violators subject to fine.

"We're trying to attack it from a multitude of different ways, and the proof will be in the pudding," Speaker Julie Menin said at a press conference.

A staggering 2,926 dog waste complaints have been submitted to 311 year-to-date, up 45.5% from the same time last year. A committee report on the bills from 2024 found city pups produce an impressive 500,000 pounds of waste daily.

While other cities like Los Angeles and Chicago have opted to boost fines for irresponsible pet owners, Menin argued that reprimanding lazy pet owners while they're on the go is harder than it looks.

"No matter what the fine was, it was not deterring conduct because there's very little to no enforcement," Menin said.

"You have to actually catch someone in action, and that can be really challenging to do," she said of the current city policy that fines derelict owners $250 for leaving their dog's mess behind.

But the Department of Sanitation — which is required to oversee the dog waste bag dispensers on public trash bins — claimed they do not have the capacity to restock the bags.

"DSNY simply does not have the resources to routinely restock the bags at any kind of scale," the DSNY claimed in a testimony in May. "And what could be worse than walking your dog, expecting to find bags available and finding an empty dispenser."

The city already does marketing campaigns encouraging pet owners to clean up after their furry friends, but the new legislation will require a public education and outreach program, along with signs at the entrances and exits of all city parks.

A pilot program by Councilman Harvey Epstein will also work with already established volunteers at the city's more than 80 dog-runs to install dog-feces collection bins and compostable waste bags — that will be used for composting and published in a public study.

"We have to use every tool in our toolbox to advance our environmental policies and this is just one piece of a large puzzle," Epstein said.

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SCENT-SATIONAL IDEA: The Big Apple will spend $180,000 in 2027 to clean up the city's dog poop problem. Model Emily Ratajkowski walks her dog, poo bag in tow.

GC Images; Luiz C. Ribeiro

All-year outside dining is back

There's something new on the menu for Big Apple eateries.

The City Council on Thursday voted overwhelmingly to revive year-round outdoor dining in the five boroughs, reversing a three-year-old move to make the perk seasonal.

In a series of measures, lawmakers approved vertical winterization coverings for restaurants and expanded the regs to include roadway cafes — reversing a 2023 vote that made the enclosures seasonal.

"As the summer comes to a close, I'm sure the last thing we want on our minds is the winter months, but restaurant owners are always looking ahead, and we in the Council are looking out for them," City Council Speaker Julie Menin said shortly before the vote Thursday.

"After passing a package of bills on outdoor dining that we're going to be doing today, sidewalk cafes can operate 365 days a year, and for many restaurants, the ability to serve customers outside all year round provides vital revenue," the speaker added.

Menin promised in February that the Council would bring back year-round sidewalk dining.

Hannah Fierick and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

Blake blasts crypto hurdle

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman vowed to repeal New York state's BitLicense regulatory framework if elected to the top job.

"This should be the financial capital of the world," Blakeman said of New York at a press conference at PubKey, a Village dive bar where you can pay with cryptocurrency.

"And without crypto, it is not the financial capital of the world," he said.

Introduced in 2015, BitLicense is one of the strictest and most comprehensive crypto regulatory policies in the United States — with many critics arguing it creates significant barriers for companies looking to launch and grow in New York. Firms wanting to buy or sell digital currency in New York state require the license, which can cost upwards of $10,000, making it cost-prohibitive for many startups. *David DeTurris and Ella Morrison*

Don hitting LI to talk crime

President Trump is hitting Long Island on Friday to unveil a new FBI crime report showing the largest year-to-year decrease in violent crime ever recorded, the White House announced.

Trump is planning to tour the Nassau County Police Academy in Garden City along with GOP gubernatorial candidate and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and then will hold a news conference on the specifics of the 2025 Crime Statistics Report, joined by Attorney General Todd Blanche and FBI Director Kash Patel.

"President Trump promised to make America safe again, and the data proves he has done just that," said White House spokesperson Lauren Bis. "Unlike Defund-the-Police Democrats, President Trump will always stand with our law-enforcement officers and deliver safer American neighborhoods." *Brandon Cruz*

SplashNews.com

Taylor Swift hit the town in London Wednesday for a girls' night out without her new hubby Travis Kelce, who's at Chiefs training camp. In her first public outing since marrying Kelce at MSG last month, Swift was seen exiting Annabel's, a private members-only club, in a floral puple minidress and heels. Swift hasn't publicly commented about her nuptials, but on Wednesday Kelce called it the "best night of [his] life."

Queen Taylor's purple reign in London

McD'S: YOU WANT SPIES WITH THAT?

What McDonald's knew

Based on Wired writer Reece Rogers' (inset) use of the McDonald's app, the fast-food giant knew:

Estimated number of visits in next six weeks: 2.16

Average order spend: $13.49

Most likely ordered item: Large Diet Coke

Time of day: Afternoon snack

Bloomberg via Getty Images

Keep dossier on meal data

By ARIEL ZILBER

McDonald's compiled a 515-page dossier on one of its loyalty-program customers — using years of fast-food purchases to predict how often he would return, how much he would spend and even what he was likely to order.

Reece Rogers, a journalist for Condé Nast-owned Wired magazine, discovered the extensive digital profile after requesting the personal data McDonald's had stored about him.

The file revealed a "Minority Report"-style trove of predictions about his future behavior, including that he would visit McDonald's 2.16 times over the next six weeks and spend an average of $13.49 per order.

The fast-food giant calculated Rogers would spend a total of $29.15 over that six-week stretch, according to the report.

The dossier ranked a large Diet Coke as Rogers' most relevant product based on his past behavior, followed by a Spicy Snack Wrap.

It also slotted his eating habits into oddly specific behavioral categories, including "Food-Led Afternoon Snack" and "On the Go Lunch in a Rush."

McDonald's also assigned Rogers a "Customer Attrition Likelihood" of zero — suggesting the company's algorithm saw little chance he would stop patronizing the Golden Arches.

The massive file contained a detailed history of Rogers' transactions, the offers McDonald's sent him and the loyalty points he accumulated.

Stephanie T. Nguyen, a senior fellow at Columbia Law School's Center for Law and the Economy and former chief technologist at the Federal Trade Commission, told The Post she was particularly struck by the types of characteristics McDonald's says it can predict about consumers.

"They say that they can predict a consumer's preferences, their characteristics, their psychological trends, their predispositions, their behavior, their attitudes," Nguyen said. "They even say intelligence abilities and aptitudes.

"How is McDonald's leveraging these psychological profiles about your intelligence and aptitudes to drive repeat customer engagement over time?" she asked.

Joseph Turow, a professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication and author of "The Problem with Personalization," said the 515-page dossier "boggles the mind. I mean, that's AI going crazy."

"We ought to be concerned globally. This is one case," Turow said. "Imagine this going on in, you know, hundreds and hundreds of retailers across the United States, right? This is not a one-off."

War Dept. takes fire

“We make sure that every ship, every crew, every captain has everything we can provide them at every single moment.”

—War Secretary Pete Hegseth

US Navy

SEASICK: The USS Abraham Lincoln deployment is on a grueling deployment with supply shortages and no port-of-call respites amid the Iran war.

Fury at ‘overlong’ Mideast deployment of USS Lincoln

By SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN

Democratic lawmakers are demanding answers from the War Department about conditions on board the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln after multiple reports indicate the grind of an extended deployment has taken a severe mental toll on the ship’s 5,000 sailors and Marines.

On Tuesday, Navy Times reported that at least two sailors had to be prevented from jumping overboard, while other family members who spoke to the outlet said their loved ones were in a deep funk aboard the Lincoln.

The Wall Street Journal reported that one person actually “went overboard” in early August but was quickly rescued, citing a US official.

Seven months at sea

The carrier began a scheduled seven-month deployment in the South China Sea this past November, but was redirected to the Arabian Sea in January, shortly before the start of Operation Epic Fury against Iran. It has remained there ever since.

Last week, according to MS NOW, more than 200 family members met with acting Navy Secretary Hung Cao to raise their concerns. One military spouse recounted receiving a message from her husband that “he hopes he doesn’t wake up tomorrow,” an attendee told Stars and Stripes.

“When she can email me, she’s definitely down,” Shelby Sanders, whose mother is serving on board the Lincoln, told Navy Times. “I think they’ve had five weeks of nonstop combat operations or something like that, so that makes it really tough to communicate consistently or even know if we’ll be able to. It sucks.”

Rep. Mike Levin (D-Calif.), whose district covers part of San Diego County, reported in an X post Aug. 7 that the Lincoln had “moldy showers, broken toilets, no hot water for weeks, meals that came down to half a cup of rice and two tortillas,” as well as a “ship’s store out of soap, deodorant and toothpaste” and “sailors so worn down that, according to one family member, the ship’s own doctor warned they need to reach port soon or people are going to start losing their minds.”

“Today would be a great day for [President] Trump to fire [War Secretary] Pete Hegseth and replace him with someone who is actually competent,” Levin doubled down on X Wednesday. “Every American and every soldier deployed abroad would be safer for it.”

In a Wednesday letter to Hegseth and Cao, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) noted the Lincoln “has not made a port call in over 200 days, setting a record for consecutive days at sea.

Supply shortages

“There have been widespread reports of shortages of basic supplies, water contamination, plumbing issues, deteriorating mental health, deck-safety concerns and disruptions in the mail system, which have caused many care packages en route to the ship to be lost in transit for months,” added Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, demanding the Navy provide its own reporting on conditions aboard the carrier and its assessment of the enlistees’ physical and mental readiness to perform their duties.

The Navy told CNN in a statement Thursday: “We have not observed an increase in suicidal ideations or attempts aboard the ship. We take every service member’s well-being seriously and have religious, medical and mental-health professionals available to assess and address concerns as they arise.”

US officials told the Journal the conditions aboard the Lincoln aren’t unusual for a wartime deployment, while acknowledging that going months without a port call — which allows sailors to rest and regroup as the ship is restocked with supplies — can “weigh on troops.”

Hegseth, asked by reporters about the Lincoln, asserted the condition of the ship and the situation of the service members aboard it have been “completely misrepresented.”

“We make sure that every ship, every crew, every captain has everything we can provide them at every single moment,” he said. “Some deployments are longer than others, and I have more respect and gratitude for those sailors than anybody.

The Pentagon is reportedly preparing to replace the Lincoln with the Japan-based USS George Washington as part of a scheduled Middle East deployment, according to the Journal.

Iran seeks pay for spill it may have caused

Iran is demanding compensation for an oil spill that reached its shores this week — which the regime allegedly caused itself after it attacked a tanker trying to cross the Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said Thursday the country was fighting an oil spill along the Strait of Hormuz and claimed that a “foreign bulk carrier” appeared to be the source.

But the spill was likely from the Minoan Pioneer, a bulk carrier that was attacked by Iran on Aug. 3 while sailing in Omani waters, according to Tranker-Trackers.com.

Satellite images show how the oil spill moved eastward toward Iran’s Qeshm Island, with the dark trail spotted near the coastal village of Shib Deraz.

Nearly 8 acres of coastal area have been affected by the spill, with some 22 acres of water also affected by the spill, according to the Environmental Protection Department in Iran’s southern province of Hormozgan.

Baqaei, who did not acknowledge reports that Iran’s own attack was to blame for the spill, suggested it was caused by the actions of foreign companies or governments destroying the Islamic republic’s waters.

“This incident is only one visible example of the extensive pollution—both overt and concealed—that has degraded the waters of the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman, as well as the region’s marine ecosystem, over recent decades, imposing trillions of dollars in damage on Iran’s coastal areas,” Bagaei wrote on X.

“Who bears responsibility for compensating these damages? Is it the nations that consume the inexpensive energy exported from our region, the shipping insurers, or the aggressors and their partners who have transformed the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman into a theater for military operations and the testing of highly destructive weaponry?” he asked.

Iran’s latest demand comes after the Islamic republic insisted the US must pay for damages caused by the current war and last year’s July war before the Strait of Hormuz can be reopened.

Ronny Reyes, With Wires

Bomb kills Ukr. defector

A former Ukrainian submarine commander who defected to Russia was killed on Thursday when a Russian woman acting on Kyiv's behalf blew him up with a bomb hidden inside a trash bin, officials said.

The 32-year-old Russian woman, who was not immediately identified, allegedly received orders from Ukraine's intelligence network to kill Robert Shageev, an officer in the Kremlin's Black Sea Fleet, according to Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB).

Shageev, a Ukrainian deserter who joined the Russian army after the 2014 annexation of Crimea, was walking in Sevastopol at around 10 a.m. when a trash bin beside him exploded, according to Kyiv and Moscow outlets.

The blast was apparently so loud that residents mistook it for a drone strike, similar to the ones plaguing Russian forces in the area.

The suspected bomber was quickly apprehended, with Russian officials claiming she confessed to the killing.

"Investigators established that she acted on instructions from Ukrainian special services and showed no remorse," Mikhail Razvozhayev, the Kremlin-installed governor of Sevastopol, said in a statement. *Ronny Reyes*

Brazil eyes tariffs on US

The Brazilian government has opened a process that could result in the adoption of reciprocal measures against the US in response to tariffs recently imposed by Washington on the country's goods, it said in a Thursday statement.

The US government announced tariffs of 25% last month on some Brazilian goods, alleging unfair trade practices, as well as 12.5% tariffs on goods from dozens of nations, including Brazil, linked to allegations of lax enforcement of forced labor bans. *Reuters*

Surrogate wants baby after abortion ask

By KYRA BRESLIN
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'SHE IS THE TRUE MOM'

Courtesy of McKenna West

CARRYING HER LOVE: Surrogate mom McKenna West refused to abide by the biological parents' request for an abortion, and now she wants custody of the newborn.

The surrogate who refused to have an abortion despite the wishes of the baby's biological parents vowed Thursday to take the legal fight all the way to the Supreme Court — with her lawyer declaring, "She is the mother."

Lincoln Wilson, an attorney for surrogate McKenna West, told The Post she's planning a full-throttle court battle to become the legal parent of baby "Gabriel," who was born in the Dallas area Wednesday.

"She is seeking parentage of the child because she gave birth in Texas, and in Texas if you give birth to a child, it's your child," Wilson said.

Wilson said the reason the baby's LA-based biological parents, Nausheen Gilkar and Omar Ahmed, currently have custody is because of a California order he considers "void."

"We think that once that California judgment is removed . . . that basically she is the mother under Texas law," Wilson said.

'A hit-man contract'

"We are taking that challenge up through the California courts, and we'll take it up to the US Supreme Court if we have to."

The biological parents had asked that their unborn child be aborted after he was diagnosed with a severe but treatable heart condition earlier this year.

The surrogacy contract between West, a nurse from Alaska, and the biological parents contained a clause that allowed terminations if there was an "anomaly" during the pregnancy.

But after the couple asked West to abort the fetus, she refused and instead traveled to Texas, where she would be recognized as the birth mother under state law.

Wilson said Thursday surrogacy contracts like the one in West's case are common — but likened them to a "hit-man contract."

"These forced abortion clauses that demand that women have to be required to abort a child at the late term are quite common in surrogacy contracts," he said.

"There's some contracts the law doesn't enforce. Like the law doesn't enforce a hit-man contract," he said.

"This is basically a hit-man contract, and we think that even if you accept a liberal view of abortion rights, the right to get an abortion also entails the right to not get an abortion."

West currently has no legal authority over the baby to whom she gave birth, under a temporary restraining order filed by the couple.

The restraining order reportedly strips her of any decision-making about the infant's care, including on medical decisions, and bars her from representing herself as a parent.

Surgeries soon

Wilson said the baby will soon undergo a series of heart surgeries at a hospital with an excellent track record.

"Within a few days, the first of three surgeries will be performed. It's called the Norwood procedure," Wilson said.

The fierce legal battle first began in April after the unborn child was diagnosed with the severe heart condition, hypoplastic left heart syndrome, at 20 weeks.

West, who named the baby Gabriel, was not allowed to see or hold the baby due to the court order. Ahmed and Gilkar have reportedly picked a different name for the boy.

Newborn to biological parents: expert

She may have kept the pregnancy — but she won't be keeping the baby.

The surrogate who crossed state lines to give birth to a baby boy against his biological parents' wishes that she terminate the pregnancy has virtually no legal claim to the child, a reproductive-law attorney told The Post.

"I don't see any reason why these biological parents wouldn't still be the legal parents of this child," Marla Neufeld, a Florida-based reproductive lawyer and host of "The Surrogacy Space" podcast, said of the newborn delivered Wednesday by surrogate McKenna West in Dallas.

Less than 24 hours after his birth, the boy — whom West named Gabriel — was placed in the custody of his biological parents, Nausheen Gilkar and Omar Ahmed.

The Los Angeles couple had asked West, an Alaskan nurse, to terminate the pregnancy after the baby was diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), a severe but treatable heart condition, at 20 weeks. A clause in their surrogate agreement said that if an "anomaly" were found, they could move to abort the pregnancy.

West, a single mom of two, instead bolted to Texas, where she would be recognized as the birth mother under state law.

Most surrogacy agreements include a court-verified "parentage order" establishing the baby's biological parents, regardless of where the surrogate gives birth, Neufeld explained. But a California court has already ruled that Gilkar and Ahmed are, in fact, the baby's legal parents. *Georgia Worrell*

Terre on a ‘roll’ again

Mayor Mamdani/X

THE TAXMAN ‘MOCKETH’: Mayor Mamdani in his infamous April Tax Day video stands on Central Park South mocking billionaire hedge-funder Ken Griffin, who lives there and would be subject to the pied-à-terre tax.

Appeals judge ‘unpauses’ tax

By PETER SENZAMICI

The pause is on pause.

Mayor Mamdani’s stumbling pied-à-terre tax rollout is back in effect after a surprise appeals court ruling Thursday — but the fight isn’t over yet.

The appellate court decision only temporarily lifts a restraining order on the tax issued by a lower court Monday, allowing City Hall to continue with the botched rollout until the full appeals panel considers the case.

Associate Justice Phillip Hom of the Brooklyn Appellate Division signed the order Thursday.

In opposition papers filed Thursday in the appeal case, former First Deputy Mayor Randy Mastro — representing three peeved city homeowners suing the city over the rollout — called the Mamdani administration’s attempted end run to keep implementing the tax “an astonishing display of chutzpah.”

“It is a shame that the city can’t own up to its own mistakes and admit that it has badly botched the rollout of this surcharge,” Mastro said in a statement.

“Instead, the administration is doubling down, going to court to ensure that it can continue harassing and threatening New York City homeowners who clearly are permanent residents — something the city would know if it would only do its homework.”

‘Tax the rich’ crusade

Mamdani had pushed the tax, which needed approval from the state, as part of his “tax the rich” crusade. Gov. Hochul and state lawmakers pushed through the tax in the spring, and it was to be charged on one- to three-family homes worth at least $5 million and condos valued at $1 million-plus that are unoccupied, non-primary residents.

But confusion has reigned over the rollout since, with critics wondering how the city would calculate which property owners should be taxed.

City officials published a database of 900,000 homeowners who might get hit by the tax, with Mamdani seemingly sardonically telling rich residents to “check your mailbox when you’re back in the five boroughs, because you’ve got mail.”

The list confused homeowners, with many saying a large chunk of the listed properties seemed to be outside of the city tax’s scope.

The city Department of Finance had mailed out 17,000 notices to homeowners, telling them they could be slapped with the tax unless they requested an exemption. The mess prompted the lawsuit from homeowners who claimed to have incorrectly received notices.

The city, meanwhile, appealed the temporary rollout pause.

Mastro’s filing accused the city of “negligence, laziness or intentionality” in ignoring the data at their fingertips to make these tax determinations prior to the scattershot of mailed notices, suggesting that the city may have intentionally hoped to rake in extra cash over a failure to file an exemption by the deadline.

‘Ensaring thousands’

“The only reasonable explanation is that the city is trying to ensnare thousands more New York City residents who are not liable for this surcharge into having to pay it anyway,” Mastro wrote Thursday in a court filing.

“You can’t terrorize first and then clarify,” Mastro said, “which is exactly what the city is trying to do.”

Staten Island Supreme Court Judge Wayne Ozzi raised that very concern in court as he delivered his ruling Monday that the city may have violated the statute by not doing required due diligence prior to sending notices.

“So if they surcharge people who are surcharged only because they didn’t file for an exemption, I don’t think that’s appropriate,” the judge said, according to a transcript.

Corporation Counsel Steve Banks cited “sorely needed revenues for the city to help close its generational budget gap” as a harm that could result from the order.

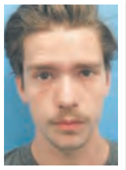
City Hall did not immediately respond for comment.

Boebert son deal for kid abuse

Lauren Boebert’s troubled son Tyler Boebert accepted a plea deal in his child abuse case that could see him spend time behind bars, according to a report.

Tyler Boebert, 21, will plead guilty to child abuse/negligence without injury, according to the offer from the Weld County District Attorney’s Office in Colorado — which suggested the congresswoman’s son spend up to 30 days in jail and serve a year of supervised probation, TMZ reported.

They’ve also requested that Tyler, a young father, enter a parenting program, according to the court documents.



He is scheduled to appear before a judge at the Garfield County courthouse Aug. 19, court records show.

Tyler (inset), who became a dad when he was 17, was charged with child abuse earlier this year after his 2-year-old son was found wandering around outside of his mother’s house for a second time.

Months earlier, he was charged with misdemeanor child abuse, which Lauren Boebert attributed to “a miscommunication on monitoring my young grandson that recently led to him getting out of our house.”

Tyler was arrested separately in Colorado Sunday on sexual exploitation of a child and multiple other charges, the Garfield County Sheriff’s Office said.

Patrick Reilly

Staten Is. ‘murder-suicide’

A man and a woman are dead after a Thursday morning Staten Island shooting that cops are investigating as a possible murder-suicide, sources tell The Post.

Cops from the NYPD’s 122nd Precinct went to a home in Garth Court on reports of a shooting shortly after 11 a.m. Thursday and made the grisly discovery, the sources said.

In the residence, police found a 39-year-old woman with a gunshot wound to the torso and a man, 27, with a head wound, according to police.

They were rushed to Staten Island University Hospital, where the woman was pronounced dead and the man died hours later, police said.

The victims were not immediately identified, but sources said the two were in a relationship and classified the matter as a domestic incident.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

Teach’s tears at reading fail

A Texas high school teacher was reduced to tears and broke down in front of his class when he realized the seniors he was teaching couldn’t complete a writing exercise.

Darius Williams of Houston’s Wheatley High School said in an Instagram video Tuesday that his students’ poor literacy skills were too much for him. “I literally broke down in the middle of class,” he said.

Williams said he gave his class two paragraphs to read, asked them to complete another sentence, and was stunned when they couldn’t. “This is only day two, and I have seniors who simply cannot read and . . . write,” Williams said with tears on his face.

His breakdown came days after it was revealed that a majority of New York City students between third and fifth grades failed their English Language Arts tests last school year.

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MANUAL BRAIN DRAIN

Vile book bashing women a new low

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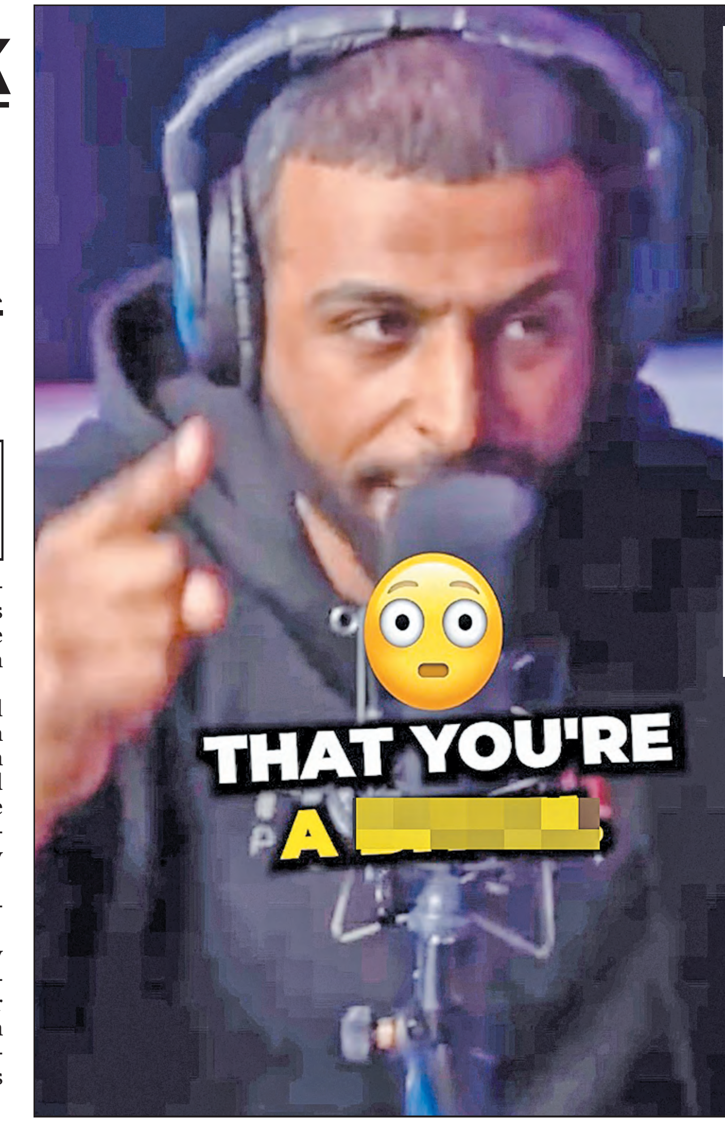
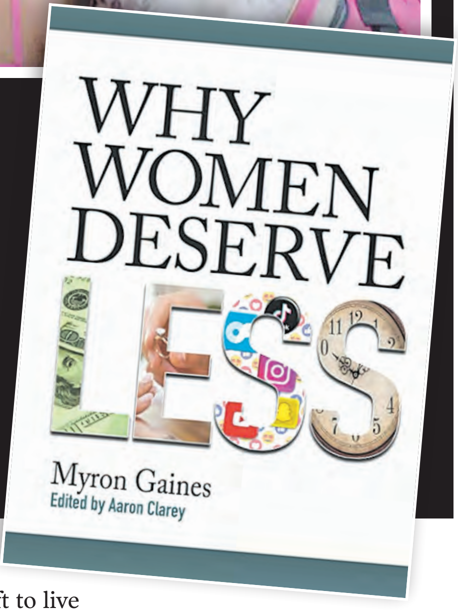


MANOSPHERE MISFIRE: Misogynist influencer Myron Gaines (above with then-girlfriend Angie in a documentary speaking about their “one-way monogamous” relationship) is peddling “Why Women Deserve Less” and its sequel, guides based on paper-thin logic that argue women take advantage of men and their resources.


WHY WOMEN DESERVE LESS
Myron Gaines
Edited by Aaron Clarey

Netflix

NASTY, misogynist influencer Myron Gaines reaches millions of impressionable young men with his “Fresh and Fit” podcast.

However, his most dedicated fans are treated to an even deeper dive into his anti-woman worldview via his self-published books: “Why Women Deserve Less” and the imaginatively titled 2026 follow-up “Why Women Deserve Even Less.”

So much for character development.

Mercifully, they’re only a flimsy 84 and 103 pages, respectively. Inside they set out to help the reader avoid “wasting your resources on the unreciprocated romantic pursuit of women to the point it ruins your life.”

“The BIGGEST waste of time in a man’s life is women,” Gaines writes.

“Women have the insatiable desire for attention and will gladly dangle the prospect of sex in front of your face so they can suck away as much of your life as possible.”

This from a man who runs a podcast where women with an insatiable desire for attention dangle the prospect of sex in front of viewers, while he talks over them.

Ridiculous read

Frankly, the books are a ridiculous read, offering up advice like stop “being a girl’s emotional tampon,” whatever that means. But it’s an unfiltered peek into the ideology that feeds the fury of the manosphere and has earned Gaines millions of followers.

“Never forget that you are the one who is sane for simply wanting an obedient, pretty woman, and maybe some kids,” he writes. “It’s society that’s lost its mind to shame you for that.”

More than 1,000 people have reviewed the first book on Amazon, giving it a shining 4.7 out of 5 stars.

“A fine addition to the library, a must have for young and older men,” one user wrote.

And another, “My eyes are open about the things which I somehow knew but never wanted to admit.”

What sort of wisdom are they finding in the pages? It’s even more toxic than the titles suggest.

Gaines waxes poetic about a long-gone time when “women had to find a man and keep him happy” and “had to dote on men, cook for men, have sex with men (even if they didn’t want to) and take care of men, all of this lest they cared to die.” Yep, die!

He laments that “just as the days of horse-drawn artillery are gone, so too are the days of simply hitting the gym, putting on a nice shirt, and asking that cute girl online out for a date,” because “you are fighting in 2026.”

“Where sweet, kind, feminine women once were, we now have vapid, arrogant, vindictive, and mean women today,” he claims.

One legit point

As ridiculous as the books may be, there is a legitimate subset of young men who consider this sort of manosphere drivel to be forbidden wisdom.

To prove how “disinterested women are in working real jobs and supporting society,” he lists the most predominantly female lines of work in the United States, the first of which is preschool and kindergarten teachers. Because who needs them, right?

But perhaps the most problematic feature of his worldview is the way it advises young, predominantly teen male audiences that relationships with women are a net negative, making them suspicious of finding love and forming a family — and ultimately encouraging them to be alone and resentful.

“Without women or children in your life there is only one thing left to live for — yourself. And this has been the whole point of this book,” Gaines writes. How fulfilling!

While it’s hard to see how anyone could actually have such a dim worldview, it’s not all bluff. Gaines walks the walk, living for himself while giving women the bare minimum.

During a cameo in the Netflix documentary “Inside the Manosphere” with Louis Theroux, he appears with his girlfriend, Angie, bragging about their “one-way monogamy” dynamic, meaning she can only be with him but he can have relations with as many women as he wants.

Her ambivalence about the dynamic was evident in her face on screen. And, sure enough, they’ve reportedly since broken up — proof that living for yourself and disrespecting women only ultimately leaves you bitter and alone.

For all the toxicity, Gaines does make one very legitimate point: he argues that male-female relations have been so fundamentally turned on their head by a whole number of sociological changes, like dating apps, birth control, feminism and shifting norms, as to be rendered unrecognizable.

The result is a dating scene that’s confused, miserable and dysfunctional. This is all true. His mistake is framing it as an “us-versus-them” problem. Gaines literally refers to women as “they” throughout his books.

What he misses is that women aren’t the “bad guys” in the search for love. Men and women are not enemies. They’re fellow travelers in a radically transformed romantic world.

Finding love today is difficult and confusing for everyone. And treating the other sex as the enemy only makes matters worse. But Gaines has learned nothing is as lucrative as telling boys that the world is stacked against them.

Bang-er Maine pol

BIG SHOT: A 1988 police report shows that Maine Democratic Senate hopeful Troy Jackson (left) once brawled over his longtime love and second cousin Lana Pelletier (right), who said he also "pushed her around."

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Sen. candidate 'punchy' past

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Democratic Maine Senate hopeful Troy Jackson assaulted another man during a late-night rampage nearly four decades ago, a newly unearthed police report shows.

The March 12, 1988, brawl was apparently over Jackson's longtime love Lana Pelletier, whom records indicate is also his second cousin and with whom the Democratic nominee shares two adult children.

The police report, first reported by the Bangor Daily News, indicates Pelletier told cops at the time that Jackson "pushed her around," a statement she now denies making.

Jackson, then 19, had gone to a home in the town of Fort Kent, located on the Canadian border, at around 2 a.m. on the night in question, according to the report.

'Punch to the face'

After the occupant of the house told Jackson to go away, the report says the future state lawmaker "kicked the door in" and grabbed his rival by the throat before punching him in the face, causing the victim's glasses to leave a cut.

An enraged Jackson then told the unidentified man to "stay away from Lana Pelletier or else." After the victim latched on to Jackson's arm, a friend broke up the combatants.

The police report described Pelletier as Jackson's ex-girlfriend and said she claimed that he shoved her after the fight and that she intended to pursue a "cease harassment" order against him.

There is no indication that Pelletier ever sought the order, and she has disavowed the police account of that night.

"I do not remember making the statements attributed to me, and they are not accurate. This is the first time I have seen this report from 40 years ago," Pelletier told The Post in a statement.

"Troy and I have built a life and family together, and I know the person he has been through the decades since, both as a caring partner and father."

The 1988 brawl is the only criminal case tied back to Jackson, and the court file has since been destroyed, according to the Bangor Daily News. However, there are indications that he paid $50 to resolve the issue.

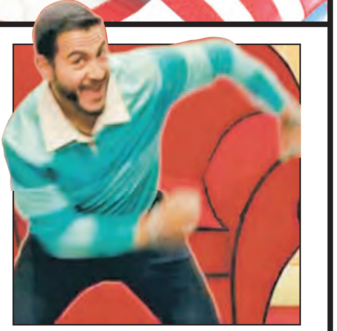
"Nearly forty years ago, when I was 19 years old, I got into a fight with another man. I took responsibility for it then, and I take responsibility for it now," Jackson told The Post in a statement.

Fiery temper

"But let me be clear: I have never been violent with my partner Lana, or any other woman. This happened nearly four decades ago, and I assure Mainers this incident in no way reflects the man I am today or the life I've led in the years since."

Jackson, 58, was nominated by Maine Democrats to face Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) last month after their initial nominee, Graham Platner, dropped out following rape accusations from a former girlfriend.

The Democrat has a reputation for having a hair-trigger temper and previously faced accusations that he chucked a water bottle at a female state Senate colleague during a fiery argument. Jackson's campaign acknowledged the dispute but claimed he did not target the woman with the bottle.



ABDUL EL-SAYED "Blues Clues" parody.

Sayed singin' creepy 'Blue's'

Maybe he needs more time in the thinking chair.

A video of Michigan Senate Democratic hopeful Abdul El-Sayed spoofing "Blue's Clues" and dancing to the 1990s-era children's show took the internet by storm, with many questioning how it could even be real.

Back in June, El-Sayed's campaign pushed out the clip of him jubilantly cosplaying as a "Blue's Clues" host. But the video had largely fallen under the radar until this week, when conservative netizens rediscovered the "creepy" footage.

El-Sayed had used the "Blue's Clues" spoof as a public service announcement to encourage Michiganders to vote by mail.

Social-media users pilloried the video, which was seemingly intended to capitalize on millennials' childhood nostalgia.

El-Sayed won his primary and is set to face off against Republican Mike Rogers in one of the most competitive Senate races this year.

Ryan King

Left off 'Liz' of Native pols

WASHINGTON — Forgetting someone, Peggy?

Democratic Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan's Senate campaign fundraising operation crowed in an email following her win in Tuesday's primary that she could be the first Native American woman to serve in the upper chamber.

"Friend, in almost 250 years, there's never been a Native woman serving in the US Senate. It's time to change that," read the message. "I'm Peggy Flanagan, the Democratic nominee for US Senate in Minnesota."

"I am Ojibwe and a proud member of the White Earth Nation."

Mischievous critics with long memories pointed out that Flanagan was forgetting about Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), who was widely mocked for claiming Cherokee ancestry before and after her election to the Senate in 2012.

Ryan King

'Ranking' Dems vs. Dems

WASHINGTON — Nancy Pelosi's daughter and Rep. Jamie Raskin are going scorched earth on the Democratic Party for trying to do away with a bizarre style of voting designed to help the underdog candidate.

The Democratic National Committee gathered in Austin, Texas, on Thursday to set up rules for the next few elections and vote on a proposal to ban ranked-choice voting.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference: first, second, third and so forth.

Raskin (D-Md.) said it allows the party to be in closer contact with voters.

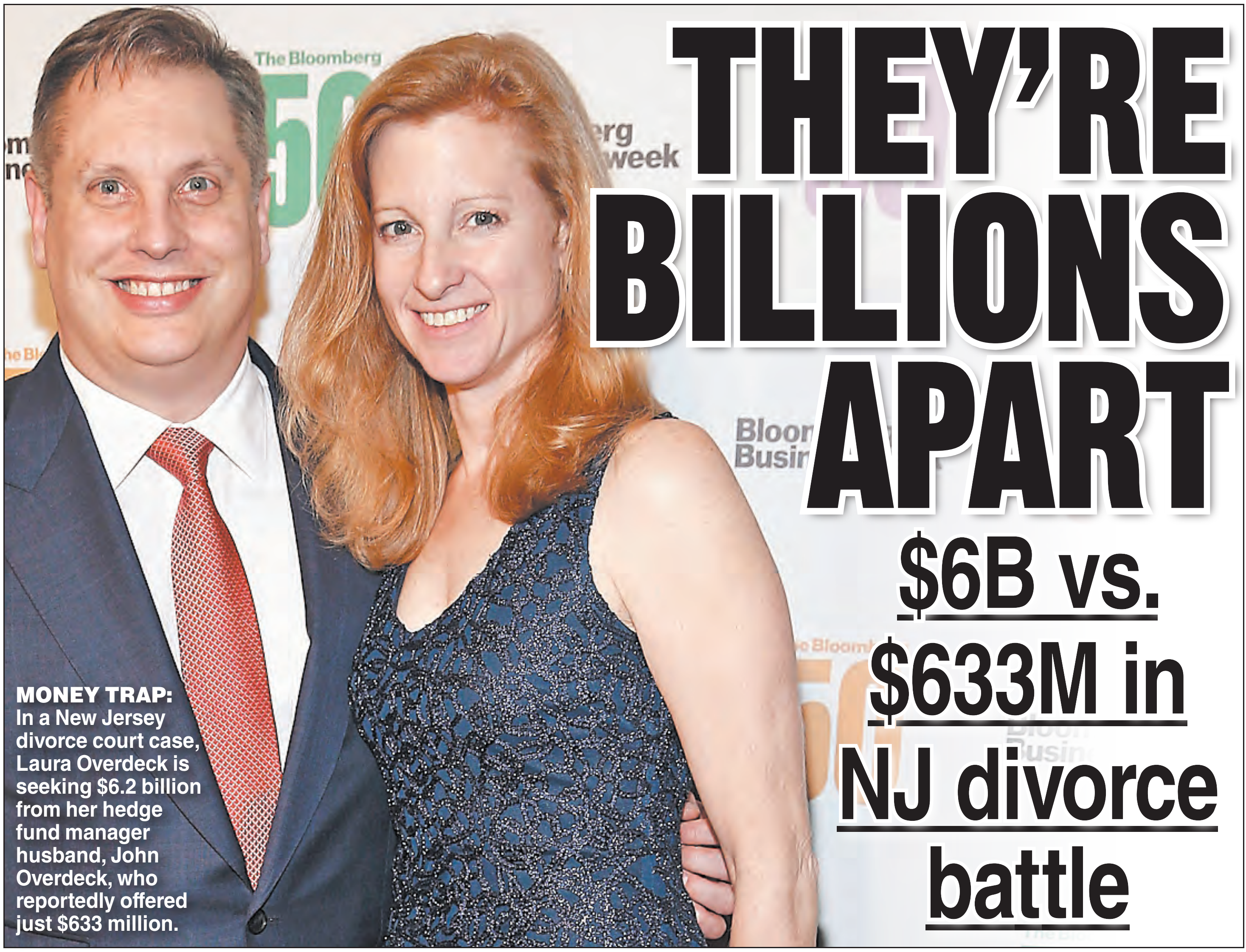
But critics complain it is complicated and the candidate with the most votes can lose.

Christine Pelosi, a voting member of the DNC, vowed to vote against the proposed ban.

Emily Goodin

THEY'RE BILLIONS APART

$6B vs. $633M in NJ divorce battle



MONEY TRAP: In a New Jersey divorce court case, Laura Overdeck is seeking $6.2 billion from her hedge fund manager husband, John Overdeck, who reportedly offered just $633 million.

Getty Images for Bloomberg

By JOE MARINO
and MATT TROUTMAN

He didn't hedge his marital bet.

The wife of a billionaire hedge fund mogul has gone to court seeking a $6.2 billion slice of his massive fortune — but he allegedly offered her just $633 million in what is the largest divorce battle in New Jersey history, a report said.

The bombshell breakup between John Overdeck and his wife, Laura Overdeck — who married without a prenup during the infancy of his Two Sigma Investments firm — kicked off Wednesday in a Newark courtroom.

Laura Overdeck is seeking a 35% piece of her hubby's stake in the $80 billion firm, which her lawyer said was worth $6.2 billion, along with hundreds of millions in bonds and equal control of the family foundation, Bloomberg first reported.

However, the wife's camp said, he made her the low-ball offer of $633 million, which they call "as little as possible."

"John Overdeck is trying to put the genie back in the bottle," Laura Overdeck's attorney Theresa Lyons said in court, according to sources.

Years in the making

The heart of the trial — which Lyons noted in court was the Garden State's biggest contested divorce — comes down to whether Laura Overdeck can claim her husband's stake in Two Sigma as a marital asset.

As the company and fortunes grew, John Overdeck conspired with the couple's lawyers to hide assets from his wife as he plotted for divorce over 20 years, Lyons argued, according to the sources.

"John Overdeck is not a man who woke up one morning and decided to divorce his wife," she said, Bloomberg reported.

John Overdeck's lawyer Jonathan Wolfe argued the money was made before the marriage, according to the report.

He contradicted Lyons' claims of a $633 million payoff offer and said John Overdeck actually proposed a $723 million tax-free equitable distribution to his wife.

He said it was "more than enough to meet the needs of the parties' marital lifestyle," the report states.

He also denied the $6.2 billion figure, saying that a 35% piece of John Overdeck's company shares is worth $4.9 billion.

John Overdeck's lawyers say his wife is not entitled to claim his company stake as an asset since the firm was founded two years before their 2002 nuptials, and was already established in the hedge fund world.

"The company had done substantial work and managed hundreds of millions of dollars before the parties' marriage," Wolfe said in his opening statement, the report said.

Lyons, however, argues her client was due part of her husband's company stake because Two Sigma had no real assets when the Overdecks tied the knot, sources said. She called the company a "concept of a notion of a company," before their marriage, Bloomberg said.

John Overdeck's Forbes net worth stands at $8 billion, making him the 478th richest person in the world, according to the outlet.

Laura Overdeck, who also had experience in hedge funds, founded the Bedtime Math nonprofit in 2012.

Power struggle

Their divorce proceedings — which began in 2022 — could also impact the direction of Two Sigma.

John Overdeck and fellow cofounder David Siegel each own roughly half the firm but had a falling out that burst into view in 2023. Their decision to quit as co-CEOs during the next year didn't stop the power struggle.

The outcome of the divorce could end up tipping the firm's balance of power toward Siegel, Bloomberg reported.

Laura Overdeck is also suing Seward & Kissel, her hubby's estate law firm, saying they helped him shield assets, according to Bloomberg.

Attorneys for the Overdecks didn't return or declined requests for comment.

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Bride-killer's sympathetic dad

Jamie Komoroski's dad sympathized with his daughter in a jailhouse call where she whined about being locked away "so long" for drunkenly mowing down a bride on her wedding day, newly released video shows.

Komoroski, then 25, sobbed in a call with her dad, Charles, in May 2023, a month on from the smash in Folly Beach, SC, that killed new bride Samantha Hutchinson, 34, and injured her husband, Aric.

"I still just don't know why this had to happen to me," Komoroski complained in a video of the jailhouse call seen by KSLA.

"Because bad things happen to good people, honey," her dad sympathized while calmly puffing on a cigar.

"It's just something that happened to you, and we are going to deal with it as best as we can, OK," he said, trying to reassure his daughter.

The killer driver further complained about being a victim, saying, "I just can't believe this happened to me. Why me, Dad, why me?"

Later in the call, Komoroski bizarrely attacked the media.

"That's just, like, makes me scared that the media is so involved in it," she said. "Why are they so involved in it?"

Charles claimed it was because her case "sold newspapers," but Komoroski just complained even more.

"But that's not going to help me like, oh my God. It's going to be so bad when I get out. Everybody's going to be so mean to me," she said.

Chris Bradford

Kennedy Center pro-Don

The board of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts voted Thursday to inscribe President Trump's name on the building, Democratic US Rep. Joyce Beatty said, setting up a potential clash with a federal judge who had ordered the name removed.

"In its meeting today, the board voted to change the front of the building's facade to read 'The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Restored and Renovated By President Donald J. Trump,' and renamed the physical site 'the President Donald J. Trump Plaza,' " said Beatty, an ex officio member on the center's board.

The Kennedy Center and the White House did not immediately reply to requests for comment, although a second source with knowledge of the situation confirmed the board's decision.

Reuters

Inside Perez's 'nightmare'

PEREZ Hilton's sister shared a heartbreaking firsthand account of the gossip blogger's suicide attempt in an emotional interview with Page Six.

"Aug. 4 will forever be one of the darkest days my family and I have ever experienced," **Barbara Lavandeira** told Page Six exclusively of the night Hilton intentionally harmed himself on a live TikTok feed before being transported to a hospital near his Miami home for life-saving treatment.

"That afternoon, Mario was in his bedroom with the door closed and locked, which wasn't like him," Lavandeira, who was visiting from California, said of her brother, whose real name is Mario Armando Lavandeira Jr. At some point, Hilton, 48, stopped responding to her knocks.

Concerned, "I unlocked his bedroom door and realized he was inside the bathroom," she told us. He still didn't respond, so she opened the door. That's when "my nightmare became a reality," she said. "Mario was standing in front of the shower, naked, cut up, covered in blood, with a box cutter in his hand."

"I didn't recognize my brother when I looked at him," she told us. "His eyes . . . didn't look the same. Then, a split second later, he smiled at me. It felt like I was staring at someone else."

In a panic, Lavandeira "left the room, grabbed the car keys and yelled for the kids to run to the car." She called 911 and got a friend to pick up Hilton's three young children. While waiting for the ambulance, she said, she went back into the house to "place towels over Mario to help stop the bleeding."

While "much more happened" in the hours that followed, Lavandeira said her retelling excludes "many of the specific details" because "they're too painful, graphic and overwhelming."

But as the "only person who witnessed what happened from the beginning to the end," she feels obligated to "offer some clarity" about that horrific day, she told us.

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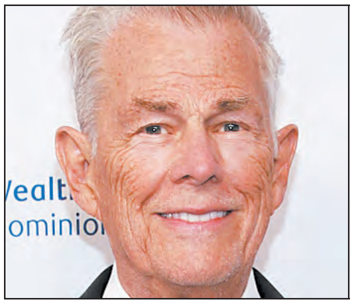
Bobbing for books

THE first salvo in the upcoming **Bob Iger** book wars will be fired next month when **Bob Chapek** — Iger's successor at Disney — releases his tell-all, "Behind the Castle Walls: My Thirty Years at the Happiest Place on Earth." The book promises to tell Chapek's side of the story regarding the falling out between the two Bobs, Chapek's unceremonious dismissal after less than three years on the job and his subsequent banishment from Hollywood. "Within weeks of starting at the top, the COVID-19 pandemic shut down parks, theaters and cruise ships — forcing Chapek to steer the billion-dollar empire through unprecedented times," reads the book's official description.



Vid's out of tune

DAVID Foster insisted that **Meghan Markle** is his "dear friend" after going viral for seemingly snubbing her at his charity event last weekend. The composer (above) told People Wednesday he had "already greeted" Prince **Harry** and Markle at the David Foster Foundation gala when the latter reached out her arm — and he walked past her. Foster said he'd spoken to the couple "at the entrance 10 minutes before the red carpet encounter . . . Anyone watching can see there was no awkward moment and certainly no snub."

Stop stair-ing! Brooks Nader and fellow model Jack Lumsden take a long and winding road to be photographed boarding a yacht in Capri, Italy.

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'One Last' dinner

ROD Stewart appeared to be in a "Forever Young" state of mind hours after he announced his "One Last Time" farewell tour wouldn't go on. Stewart, 81, showed up with a crew at Polo Bar at around 8 p.m. and spies told Page Six they immediately went down to the dining room to meet Stewart's oldest son, **Sean**, 45. Stewart canceled a performance in Cleveland on Tuesday after postponing his Sunday concert in Cincinnati. His rep announced Wednesday that he was canceling the remaining dates of the US tour after undergoing "a routine coronary stent procedure." They did not comment on Stewart's night on the town.

Sightings

HARI Nef, **Fern Mallis**, **Sailor Brinkley Cook**, **Candace Bushnell** and **Jenny Mollen** at **Devorah Rose** and **Kaleta Blaffer Johnson**'s party for **Sterling Dio** of the Studio Mayfair . . . **MIKHAIL Baryshnikov**, **Steven Ogg**, **Cynthia Rowley**, **Anna Delvey** and **Rosanna Scotto** and more at the Watermill Center benefit . . . "STRANGER Things" star **Noah Schnapp** at Serafina East Hampton.

Field-ing singles

SALLY Field and Anonymous Content president and CEO **Darren Walker** bonded over their love lives — or lack thereof. Walker held a party for Emmy nominees at his LA home Wednesday night, with a source telling us that Walker toasted "Remarkably Bright Creatures" star Field, 79, by saying, "Sally has also been a shoulder to cry on. She was there for me after I had a particularly bad date." Field (above) cracked, "Well, at least you had a date!" On hand were fellow nominees **Sarah Pidgeon** ("Love Story"), **Matthew Rhys** ("The Beast in Me" and "Widow's Bay"), **Kate O'Flynn** (also "Widow's Bay") and "The Gilded Age" executive producer **Sonja Warfield**, plus guests **Ava DuVernay**, **Thomas Doherty** and **Kal Penn**.

Investors sue for 'Mind loss

SELENA Gomez and her mom, **Mandy Teefey**, are being sued for allegedly duping investors in their mental health company, Wondermind. Two corporate investors sued Wondermind Global, Gomez, Teefey and a former business partner in federal court in Delaware yesterday, according to documents obtained by Page Six. The corporate entities claim they invested $1.2 million in September 2022 and the defendants "falsely represented" Wondermind's infrastructure, leadership and resources. "The partnerships did not exist. The initiatives never materialized. The app was never built," the suit alleges. The investors claim they didn't find out about Wondermind's struggles until the Cut published an article in September last year about the company's "utter financial and operational disarray." The suit also points to Gomez and Teefey's allegedly troubled relationship, accusing Gomez of distancing herself from Wondermind due to "several undisclosed personal disputes" with her mom. The investors are suing for security fraud and return of their investments, as well as damages, costs and attorneys fees. Page Six has reached out to reps for Gomez, Teefey and Wondermind for comment.

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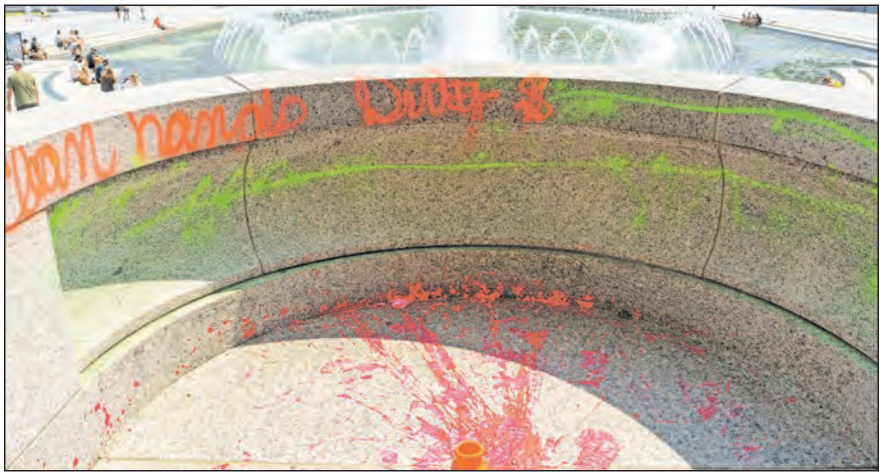

RED ALERT: Graffiti defaces Washington, DC's World War II Memorial, where vandals also dumped bubble soap in the fountain at the site, authorities said. Similarly, vile vandals plagued the Washington Monument lawn in the nation's capital in June.

By STEVEN NELSON and RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Vandals struck the World War II Memorial Thursday — dumping bubble soap into a fountain and scrawling a bizarre protest message.

"Clean Hands Dirty $," red graffiti declared — without making it clear why the site commemorating a conflict that ended 81 years ago was targeted.

Frothy bubbles rose several feet from a fountain honoring the war's Atlantic theater, in which the Allies defeated Nazi Germany.

Toil and trouble

Interior Department spokesman Cody Sargent condemned the "disgusting vandalism from deranged losers."

"It's pathetic to deface a memorial to our WWII heroes," Sargent posted on X.

"Thankfully, I know our incredible [National Park Service] will get this cleaned up for the majority of Americans who love our country."

The incident followed alleged vandalism to the new swimming pool liner coating the nearby Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

In June, vandals also used chemicals to burn onto the Washington Monument's lawn "86 47" in a jab at President Trump.

Dad slain trying to halt brawl

A Florida dad of three was killed when he bravely tried to stop a couple fighting by the roadside moments after he dropped his daughter off for the first day of school.

Daryl Alexander Hill, 56, was shot dead allegedly by Raul Vazquez, 26, at about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday after he tried to break up the daylight dust-up in Apopka, Fla., the Orange County Sheriff's Office said.

Vazquez and a woman had been fighting in their pickup truck, which caused their vehicle to crash into a black SUV, and the brawl spilled outside, according to an arrest affidavit seen by The Apopka Chief news outlet.

Hill was riding his motorbike after dropping his daughter, 10, at Wolf Lake Elementary when he spotted the fight and rushed over as a peacemaker.

Hill and the couple brawled before falling into some bushes.

When Hill tried to flee, Vazquez allegedly shot him in the back after grabbing a gun from his car. *Chris Bradford*

You can adopt dumpster pup

Two adorable puppies that were abandoned in a Queens dumpster are on the mend and seeking their fur-ever homes, animal advocates said Thursday.

The 4-month old pooches, Poppy and Petunia, were rushed to an emergency veterinary center after they were found dumped in Flushing on July 12, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"These victimized puppies were found in horrendous conditions — heartlessly abused and discarded with no chance of survival if not for the good Samaritan who intervened," said David Little, of the ASPCA.

The frightened furballs were both severely underweight with painful gashes on their jaws.

The pups were then transferred to an Animal Recovery Center in Manhattan, where they were treated for their wounds and given antibiotics. Now the lucky dogs are up for adoption. *Natalie O'Neill*

Zoom with a view

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Venetia Scott

Nicole Kidman says the time is now for her to move past divorce. "I've always wanted to live a well-examined life," the actress tells British Vogue (inset). "Making mistakes, failing, getting back up, moving on."

BUYER BE NO WHERE

Homes not selling

By LAUREN ELKIES SCHRAM

It's crickets out there for home sellers.

The pool of active US homebuyers has dwindled so drastically due to affordability concerns pushing would-be house hunters onto the sidelines.

The number of buyers in the market sunk to about 967,000 in July — the lowest level recorded since Redfin began tracking the metric in 2013. That marks around 34% fewer homebuyers than sellers, giving buyers a leg up as inventory swells, according to a new Redfin report.

That's because "mortgage rates were falling in July 2025, which helped bring more buyers into the market later in last year's homebuying season," Daryl Fairweather, chief economist at Redfin, told The Post.

Tough to swallow

Compared to last July 2025, however, the buyer pool is down 5.5% year-over-year from 1.02 million buyers.

"Home prices remain high, and mortgage rates rose to their highest level in a year in July, making monthly payments difficult for many would-be buyers to stomach," Fairweather said. "Economic uncertainty is also causing some buyers to hold off."

From June to July, the estimated number of buyers fell 2.5%, while the number of sellers fell just 0.3%.

"That left nearly half a million more sellers than buyers nationwide," Fairweather said. "With more homes competing for fewer buyers, the buyers who remain can be choosier and have more leverage to negotiate on things like price and concessions."

Home sellers dominated the market in July, outnumbering buyers by a staggering 51.3% — up from 47.9% in June, and coming dangerously close to the record peak of 51.8% set in December.

Good for buyers

More than three-quarters of US metros — 39 of the 49 markets analyzed — were ranked as buyers markets, per Redfin, led by areas that were hot for sellers during the pandemic — Miami, then Nashville, followed by a trio of Texas cities.

Those Sun Belt markets are facing the same affordability challenges as other areas, but in Miami and Nashville, pandemic-era home building and investing is coming online now, Fairweather indicated. And in Houston, San Antonio and Austin, they have "some of the country's most active homebuilding pipelines," the economist said.

In each of those five markets, seller supply outpaced buyer demand by over 100%.

On the flip side, there were just six sellers markets in the US in July, with Nassau County leading the charge with 36% fewer sellers than buyers.

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406 MPH? O‘H’ YEAH!

Hydrogen speed record may shake up auto biz

James Arbuckle

FLYING ON THE GROUND: The JCB Hydromax, with ex-fighter pilot Andy Green (below) at the controls, crushed the speed record for hydrogen-powered cars.

By LYDIA MOYNIHAN

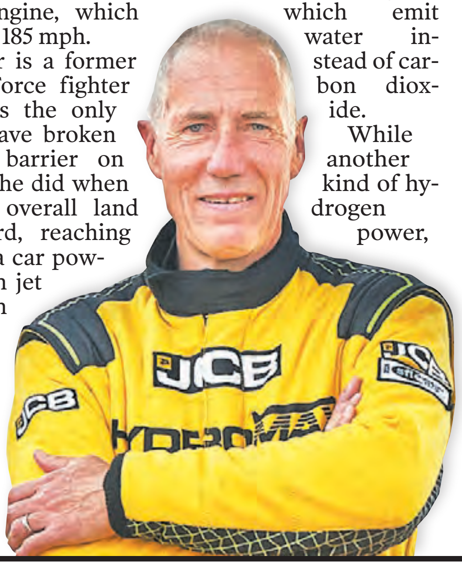
A land speed record for a hydrogen-powered car was set Tuesday in Utah by British driver Andy Green, driving a specially designed JCB Hydromax, which reached 406.320 miles per hour.

The milestone was set in the bright yellow tubular vehicle, powered by two hydrogen internal combustion engines, which Green calls the “fuel of the future” at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

Green easily beat the previous class record for a hydrogen engine, which had stood at 185 mph.

The driver is a former Royal Air Force fighter pilot who is the only person to have broken the sound barrier on land, which he did when setting the overall land speed record, reaching 763 mph in a car powered by twin jet engines in 1997.

UK company JCB, founded in 1945, is best known for its heavy machinery and is one of the world’s largest privately owned manufacturers of construction and agricultural equipment — but it has also been quietly making a major bet on hydrogen power.



Future power

Lord Anthony Bamford — who chairs the company his father, Joseph Cyril Bamford, founded — has invested more than $132 million over the last five years into developing hydrogen combustion engines, a cleaner alternative to diesel engines which emit water instead of carbon dioxide.

While another kind of hydrogen power, hydrogen fuel cells, has been used for some automobiles in recent years, JCB researchers found the technology too complex, too costly and not robust enough to work in its heavy equipment. The company instead concentrated on a modified internal-combustion engine that can be more easily integrated into future equipment.

While Bamford is excited about the speed test, he is far more focused on what the technology can do beyond the salt flats, he told The Post.

“Anything can be a hydrogen engine,” Bamford, 80, explained.

The hydrogen push also comes as JCB expands its footprint in the United States. The company is building a new one-million-square-foot factory in San Antonio, Texas, at a cost of $500 million.

The plant, originally planned at 500,000 square feet, was doubled in size after the 2025 tariffs on imports were announced, as JCB decided to invest in manufacturing more of its equipment for American customers on US soil. The facility is projected to employ about 1,500 people.

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Federal antisemitism suit tossed

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

HATE U.: Anti-Israel protests at Harvard University, such as this one at graduation including a Palestinian flag and the wearing of keffiyehs, were not considered discrimination against Jews by a federal judge in Massachusetts.

AP

Judge giving Harvard a pass

WASHINGTON — A Massachusetts federal judge has tossed a Justice Department lawsuit against Harvard University that charged the Ivy League school with having "turned a blind eye to antisemitism and discrimination against Jews and Israelis" on campus.

US District Judge Richard Stearns wrote in a Thursday order that the Trump administration's March complaint cited incidents "too isolated and episodic to support a plausible inference that any institutionalized noncompliance with Title VI persists at Harvard to this day."

"The Amended Complaint focuses almost entirely on incidents that took place during the 2023-2024 school year," wrote Stearns, appointed to the federal bench by then-President Bill Clinton.

"Only three incidents are alleged to have occurred after this period, all of which took place nearly a full year later (and more than one full academic year before this case was filed) in March of 2025."

DOJ weighs response

"We disagree with the ruling and are assessing next steps. The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is actively investigating antisemitism nationwide," Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon said in a statement.

"The Civil Rights Division has an extensive and active portfolio of antisemitism enforcement, including indictments, prosecutions, settlements and investigations across the country."

Reps for Harvard did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The initial complaint from the DOJ charged Harvard with two counts of violating Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act — which bars discrimination based on race, color or national origin in federally funded institutions — and one count of breach of contract.

The feds also asked the court to force the school to pay back more than $953 million in federal grants awarded since October 2023.

'Indifference' to bias

That request came after Jewish students were "assaulted, harassed or intimidated" by "mobs" that took over campus buildings and spaces in the wake of Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack that killed 1,200 in Israel, according to the suit.

"This sent the clear message to Harvard's Jewish and Israeli community that the indifference was not an accident; they were being intentionally excluded and effectively denied equal access to educational opportunities," the initial filing stated.

President Trump's Department of Health and Human Services had previously sought to terminate more than $2.6 billion in federal grants to Harvard, only for courts to rule against that as well.

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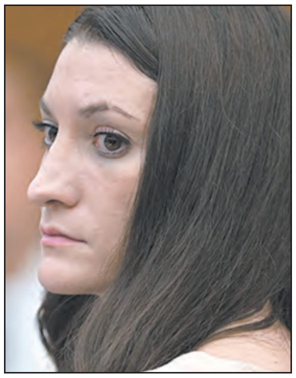

LINDSAY CLANCY
Chronicled her wish.

'Slay ma' wanted a 4th kid

Massachusetts mom Lindsay Clancy wrote about how she wanted a fourth child in a newly revealed note written just weeks before she allegedly killed her three kids, jurors learned Thursday.

"I really want a fourth child but I need a good therapist before then," Clancy apparently wrote in a lengthy journal-like entry on her phone's Notes app on Nov. 3, 2022 — two months before she allegedly fatally strangled Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, 8 months old.

"I still don't want Cal to be our last but I have a lot of figuring out to do before I have another," wrote the mother, who gave birth to the youngest child just six months earlier.

She also wrote about being "on the fence about starting a new medication for anxiety/depression."

"I want to feel happy, but it would be nice to feel authentically happy and not fake." *Priscilla DeGregory*

N. Korea rips US-SoKo drills

North Korea on Friday denounced major US-South Korean military drills and said they were more provocative than last year's, according to state media.

It said US-Japan-South Korea military cooperation is turning into a nuclear alliance, and the country will respond with a new level of deterrent, state media KCNA said.

South Korea and the US will conduct the annual Ulchi Freedom Shield joint military drills from Aug. 17 to 27, authorities said. *Reuters*

Kushner going to Gaza peace talks

President Trump's son-in-law and negotiator Jared Kushner will travel to the Middle East next week to try to advance plans for an end to the conflict in Gaza after a deal recently announced by the Trump administration ran into Israeli opposition.

An official with the Board of Peace, the body Trump established to oversee the fragile cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war, said Kushner, board high representative Nickolay Mladenov, and executive board member and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair would arrive in Israel on Sunday.

The group will then travel to Cairo, where meetings of a Palestinian technocratic group set to assume control of Gaza under a US-brokered cease-fire deal have been taking place for the past several months, the official said.

The trip was reported earlier by Axios.

The official said the meetings would demonstrate the determination of Trump and the Board of Peace to "see peace, prosperity and sustainable security emerge" in a demilitarized Gaza where Hamas has ceded control to allow reconstruction of the devastated territory.

But Israel has dismissed a recent deal announced by Trump for Hamas to disarm and Israel to withdraw its forces from the Palestinian territory. *AP*

Rubio a dancin' music fool

Secretary of State Marco Rubio's perfect day is watching 15 hours of college football, and he prefers hip-hop and electronic-dance to country music, which he finds "too sad."

America's top diplomat opened up to Katie Miller for her podcast, alongside ex-NFL-cheerleader wife Jeanette in a candid conversation that veered from his typical topics of world peace and national security.

Still, Rubio shared that he had to deploy diplomacy to find common ground with his wife's choice in music.

The one-time wedding DJ revealed he has figured out a creative way to get amped up about country music.

"I love a lot of electronic music because it fuses classical, increasingly, it does country music," Rubio explained on the podcast.

"I like a lot of the remixes of songs that you've heard — there's this EDM mix of 'Ring of Fire' which is really good. So I like that stuff."

"I'm not anti-country music, but that's not my thing," Rubio said.

"I think it's just very sad," he said of country. "Most of the songs are about, like, somebody whose wife and dog left them."

Rubio called late legendary Tupac Shakur his favorite rapper, lamenting the "Dear Mama" singer didn't live long enough for the world "to know what he would've turned into."

He recoiled at Miller's suggestion that he adopt the rapper name "Lil' Marco," a spoof of President Trump's once go-to insult against him during the 2016 presidential campaign cycle.

The sit-down brought out the lighter side of Rubio.

Rubio's dream weekend? Watching college and NFL football from morning to night, with a short nap in between games.

"That is an incredible weekend, in my opinion," he said. "But that's never going to happen." *Ryan King*

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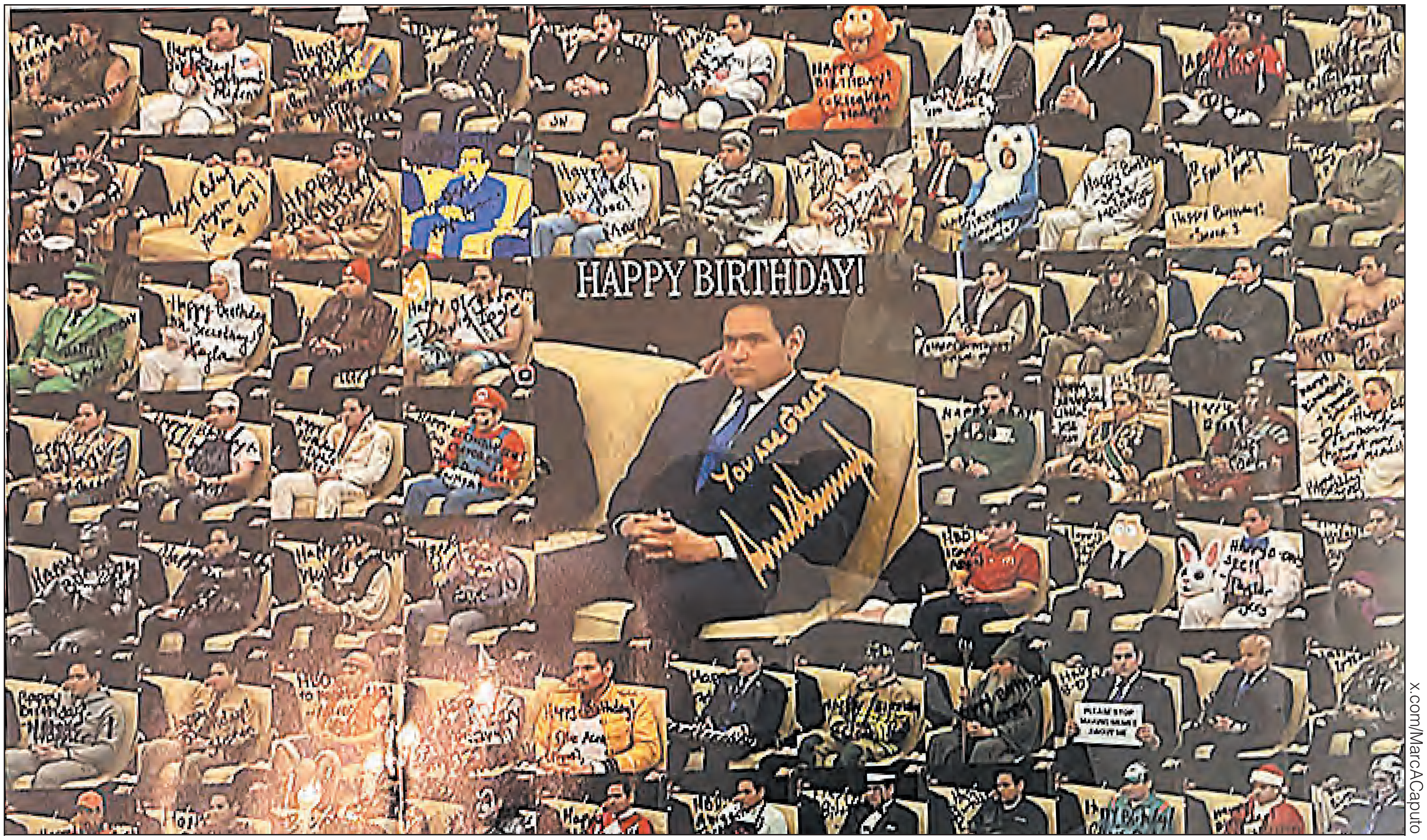

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Wearing *many* hats on fun b'day card

By CHRIS NESI

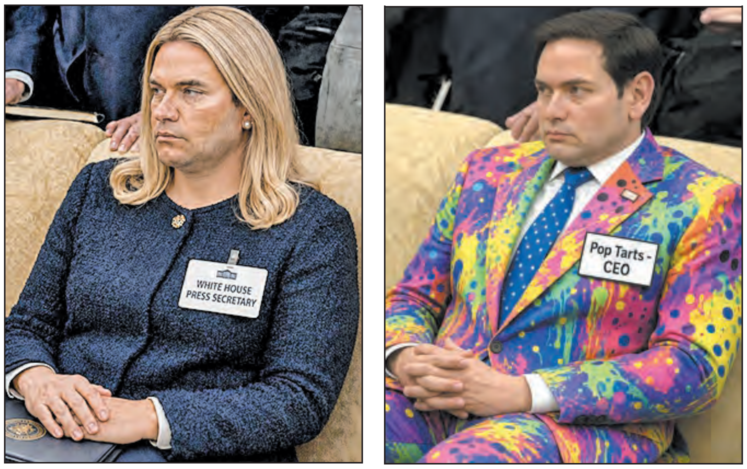
This is Marco Rubio realizing he's never going to live this down.

The beloved secretary of state was gifted an epic collage of his most viral "Rubio realizing" memes for his 55th birthday — featuring fan favorites of the country's top diplomat dressed as an Iranian ayatollah and a "Star Wars" rebel on the fictional ice planet Hoth.

The White House presented the hilarious gift to the unabashed rap aficionado in May — but it came to light only Wednesday thanks to a now-viral tweet from Axios reporter Marc Caputo.

The golden-framed mosaic features 68 individual panels depicting Rubio in various roles — from Robocop to astronaut to the White House Easter bunny — and is signed by administration officials including the president, who wrote "You are great" in gold ink right above his signature.

Rubio has worn many hats in Trump's Cabinet. In addition to secretary of state, he also serves as acting national security adviser. At some point, he was also acting archivist and acting administrator of the US Agency for International Development.



NO JOB TOO WEIRD: Among the depictions of Marco Rubio on the card signed by President Trump are "WH press secretary and "Pop Tarts CEO."

The famous photo that spawned nearly endless variants — and even an online "museum" archive — depicts Rubio sitting awkwardly on an Oval Office couch.

The snapshot was taken Feb. 28 of last year when the president, Vice President JD Vance and top Cabinet officials met with Ukraine leader Volodymyr Zelensky to discuss an agreement to share the country's mineral resources as a method of offsetting US investment in Ukraine's war against Russia.

In every altered photo, Rubio's interlocked fingers and deflated expression remain unchanged, imbuing the meme with a layer of comic reluctance for each new job he's suddenly realizing is now his responsibility.

The meme closely tracked global events, both in the real and fantastical realm, and each time a new "job" became available, it wouldn't be long before a new "Marco Rubio Realizing" meme made its debut.

Over the meme's lifespan, Rubio on the couch has been depicted as the governor of Greenland, the shah of Iran, the pope and a slew of other occupations.

When the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier's toilets failed in March, Rubio appeared on the couch as a plumber, plunger in hand.

Venezuela's *'el jefe'*

Shortly after the US captured Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro, Rubio appeared wearing a sash adorned with the nation's flag and gilded accents on the cuffs and collar of a high-ranking military leader, with a gold-handled saber at his side.

Rubio told Lara Trump in a recent interview on Fox News that at first he "hated" the viral meme, but has come to find it funny.

He said his slumped posture in the picture was the result of there being no pillow behind his back, which caused him to sink into the couch.

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Boy, 15, shot in Bx. apartment

Anguish, anger in teen slay

Obtained by NY Post

‘HARD TO BELIEVE’: Riley Billingslea (above and with his grandmother Elaine Rogers, left) was shot to death Wednesday by a gunman who allegedly vowed to “throw some pain” before firing.

By JOE MARINO, PATRICK REILLY,
GEORGETT ROBERTS
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A 15-year-old boy was killed and a 13-year-old wounded in a Bronx apartment Wednesday night, according to police — who are still searching for a shooter who allegedly told the boy “I’m gonna throw some pain.”

Riley Billingslea was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head by cops responding to a 911 call for shots fired inside an apartment on Claflin Avenue around 5:30 p.m., according to police.

The dead teen’s grief-stricken grandmother recalled the horrifying moment his friends banged on her door to tell her the tragic news.

“I couldn’t comprehend what they were saying, you know? ‘He’s been shot.’ I couldn’t grasp their words,” Elaine Rogers, 62, told The Post. “I can’t even process that portion of it. It’s hard to believe.”

She said Riley’s last words to her earlier in the day were, “‘See you later, G-Ma.’ That’s what he called me.”

According to sources, the gunman pulled a gun out of his backpack during a dispute, loaded a magazine into the weapon and told Billingslea, “I’m gonna throw some pain.”

Police are investigating if the shooting happened when the gunman racked the weapon during the argument and it accidentally fired.

After the gun went off and struck the teens, the shooter ran off. Police spoke with witnesses at the scene and tracked down the second shooting victim, who ran home to his family’s apartment after being grazed in the torso during the shooting, sources said.

Neighbor Clara Hernandez said she was fast asleep when she heard the commotion outside her door.

“I didn’t open the door,” Hernandez, 62, told The Post. “I’m here 15 years, and I’ve never heard anything like this happening here.

“I’m afraid,” she added. “Today I don’t feel good emotionally. I want to cry.”

The younger victim claimed that he saw Billingslea and the shooting suspect get into some kind of dispute that turned deadly, according to sources.

The younger teen was hit by a ricocheted bullet and sent to the hospital, where he was listed in stable condition, sources said.

No arrests have been made, police said Thursday afternoon.

‘Beyond words’

Meanwhile, Riley’s grandma described him as “witty,” saying he “always had an answer for something, never at a loss for words.”

She said the senseless shooting also left her angry.

“Beyond words,” Rogers said. “Anger is not even a good word for it. It’s more than anger. I couldn’t express it because that doesn’t even say enough.

“I just would want the person to come forward,” she added. “If it was an accident, as I hear, they’re trying to report on the news, then say so. Come and explain yourself. When you run, you look guilty.”

The tragic teen’s aunt also expressed her pain.

“At some point I just wish my family can finally catch a break cuz my energy is drained,” Ebony Billingslea, the dead teen’s aunt, posted on Facebook. “Imma miss u nephew so much and I hope u kne how much u mean to mean and how much I love you...R.I.P Riley.”

Reached by phone, the boy’s grief-stricken mother told The Post: “My mind is like not right there this second at all.”

In what could be a hauntingly similar incident to Wednesday’s Bronx shooting, an 11-year-old boy in upstate Newburgh was shot in the head and killed while he and his pals played with a gun in October.

Police in the city said a 13-year-old boy was allegedly handling the weapon shortly before school when it discharged and struck his younger friend and killed him.

The older boy was later charged with murder.

School ‘sicko’ arrest

A “depraved” Westchester middle school cafeteria worker was caught with disturbing videos and photos of children possibly as young as 5 engaging in sexual acts, according to authorities.

Francis John Teeling, 69, who worked at Lakefield Copper Beech Middle School in the Lakeland School District, allegedly uploaded and stored the creepy kiddie porn involving female elementary-aged children, according to the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

“Those who possess or share child sexual abuse material should be under no illusion that their depraved conduct is hidden from law enforcement,” DA Susan Cacace said in a statement.

Teeling reportedly uploaded a digital file of female kids between the ages of 7 and 10 engaging in a sexual act, and police discovered at his Shrub Oak home a digital file of a 5-to-8-year-old female engaged in sexual conduct.

Yorktown police arrested him Tuesday, and he was arraigned in Town Court.

He faces felony charges of promoting and possessing an obscene sexual performance by a child, which carry sentences of up to 11 years in prison.

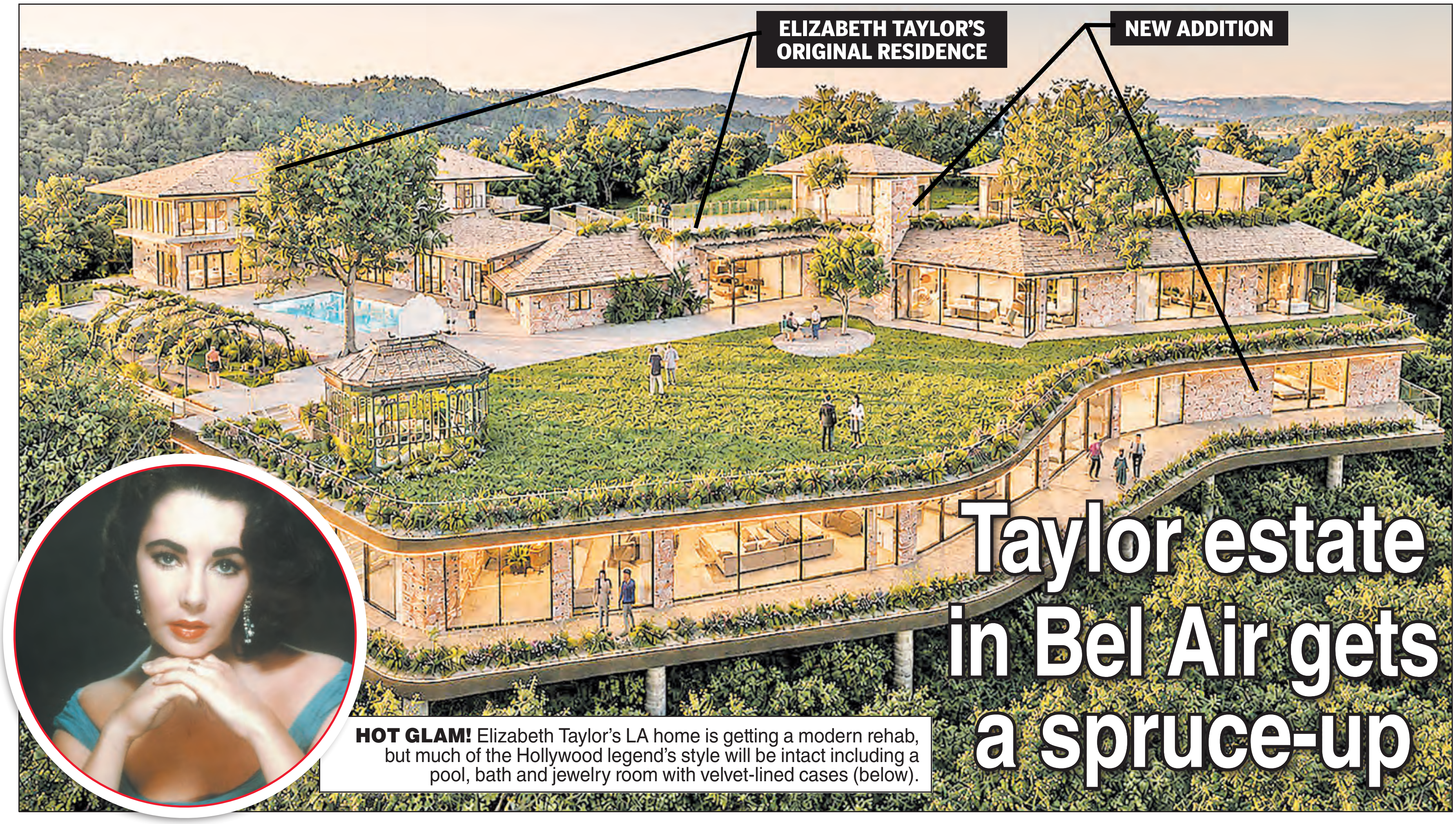
Teeling pleaded not guilty and is being held on $10,000 cash bail, $25,000 bond and $50,000 partially secured bond. *Daniel Cody*

Scores flee Greek fires

Tourists and residents fled villages in the Halkidiki region of northern Greece by land and sea Thursday as a wildfire fanned by strong winds engulfed houses and trees near a resort during the heart of holiday season.

Heavy gusts also made firefighting difficult on Croatia’s popular Dalmatian coast, local media said.

Across Europe, successive heatwaves this summer have intensified drought, strained water supplies and left vegetation tinder-dry, helping wildfires in Spain, France as well as Greece scorch nearly unprecedented amounts of land. *Reuters*



HOT GLAM! Elizabeth Taylor's LA home is getting a modern rehab, but much of the Hollywood legend's style will be intact including a pool, bath and jewelry room with velvet-lined cases (below).

AYRA

Taylor estate in Bel Air gets a spruce-up

LIVIN' A LA LIZ

By KAREN TALLEY

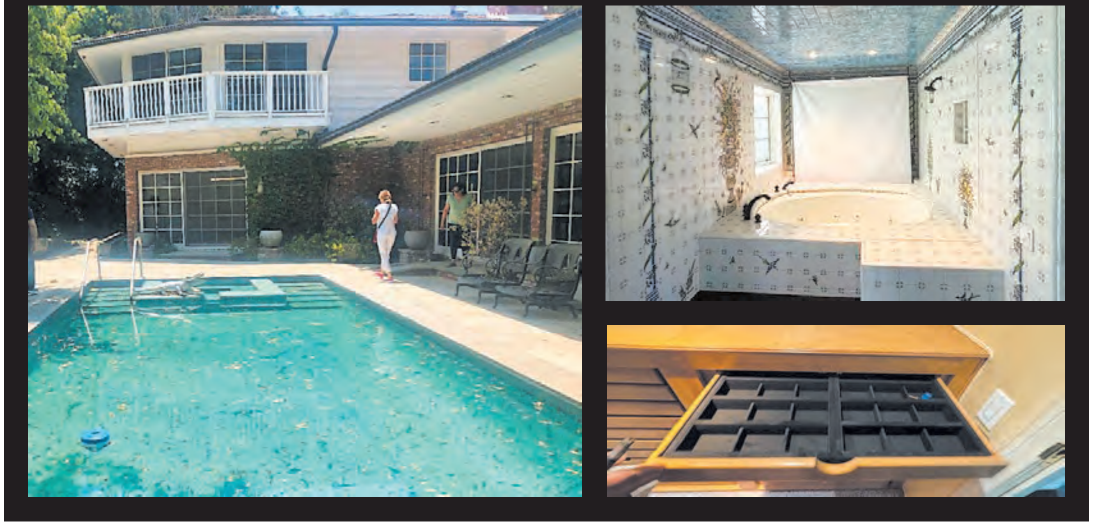
The classic movie star is getting a modern makeover.

Elizabeth Taylor's former Bel Air estate will be given a nearly $50 million upgrade by storied builder Ardie Tavangarian — but he plans to keep much of the original interior, including the huge room where she kept her fabled jewelry in velvet-lined cases, exactly as she left them.

"We're trying to create something that is a continuation of Elizabeth Taylor and her legacy while creating a Phase 2 to enhance the beauty that is already here," Tavangarian said.

Taylor bought the estate for $2 million in 1981 from Frank Sinatra's first wife, Nancy, and lived there until her passing in 2011 at age 79. Some parts of the original 7,000-square-foot home will serve, in essence, as the Elizabeth Taylor wing, with a rehabilitation planned for her master bedroom and bath, her beauty center and other areas she treasured. "We're just modernizing it from a point of view of functionality," Tavangarian said.

ELEMENTS HE'S PRESERVING



Old Hollywood & new

Tavangarian also plans a gallery for the home filled with Elizabeth Taylor-related artwork.

Taylor's ranch-style home is two levels, with five bedrooms. But Tavangarian is adding a 12,000-square-foot buildout, including a huge new underground element. There will be a 4,500-square-foot retractable roof for stargazing, as well as an expansive grass overlay.

The existing home's brick exterior will remain and continue onto the new structure to create visual continuity.

The new structure will have three bedrooms, a high-end screening room, a spa and other wellness amenities, as well as a family "pajama room" where residents and guests can kick back and enjoy entertainment on a huge-screen TV while munching on popcorn and other treats from well-placed canisters in surrounding comfort. The outside will still boast Taylor's striking sapphire-colored pool, which reflected the color of her eyes, amid natural landscaping and tall trees. The koi pond and shell-shaped fountain that her nephew built is being rehabbed, and arbors of climbing roses and a bright pink hybrid tea rose named "Elizabeth Taylor" will still dot the area.

$47 million refresh

The designer and builder said he paid $15 million for the compound and expects to put at least another $47 million into its rehab and buildout. The project does not have a buyer lined up, Tavangarian said, and he declined to say what he might list it for when it is finished next year. His custom mansions often trade north of $100 million.

Tavangarian says the feels the remodel would be something Taylor "would be comfortable living in."

"I'm approaching this as though she is my client," he said.

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‘Sex-pay’ lawyer arrested

He’s gonna need a good lawyer!

A prominent Texas attorney demanded sex from a cash-strapped woman in exchange for legally representing her jailbird brother — then never delivered on the promise, according to investigators.

San Antonio criminal defense attorney Neil Calfas, 56, allegedly told the woman, identified as “Julie,” that she could pay him with money or her body after she called seeking legal help in March 2024, according to law enforcement officials who busted him Wednesday.

She initially refused but later decided to “go along with it” because she believed the legal lothario could help set her brother free, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety arrest report, cited by News 4 San Antonio.

“You or the money,” he allegedly told her.

He was charged with solicitation of prostitution.

In a jailhouse call to her brother on March 5 of that year, Julie described an interaction with the lawyer in which he asked for sex and gave her the cash that she used for a phone and rent, according to investigators.

Calfas’ office didn’t immediately return The Post’s call seeking comment Thursday. *Natalie O’Neill*

Diarrhea mess eases

Michigan, the hardest-hit state in a multistate outbreak of cyclosporiasis, on Thursday reported 13,909 cases linked to the parasitic disease, up roughly 11% over last week, officials said.

But state officials said the rise largely reflected a processing backlog and the worst may be over.

The 15-state outbreak linked to iceberg lettuce causes explosive diarrhea.

Lettuce sales plummeted last month, although diners are returning to restaurants.

Unlike many foodborne pathogens, the disease cannot be traced using the most advanced genetic testing methods. *Reuters*

Why bankers read teens’ newsletter

By WILL ZIMMERMAN

Courtesy Photos

THEY TALK, & BIG BIZ LISTENS

DYNAMIC DUO: Brooklyn prep school teens Emile Chilingirian (far left) and Jasper Gould publish a newsletter called Passing the Torch that is quickly becoming must-read for tycoons interested in the youths’ take on politics and business. It offers a rare look on how high schoolers see AI, automated vehicles and big institutions among other subjects.

Wall Street’s new guilty pleasure started as a lunchroom debate between pre-calc and chemistry classes.

Passing the Torch, a newsletter covering markets, economics, politics and culture, was founded in 2025 by Jasper Gould and Emile Chilingirian, both now 17, while they were sophomores at the prestigious Berkeley Carroll prep school in Park Slope.

It now has a subscriber list nearly 60,000 strong — with more than two-thirds of readers registering with corporate emails. Addresses belonging to McKinsey, JP Morgan, Blackstone and Nvidia employees number in the thousands. Hundreds more come from Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, Palantir and Microsoft.

“On politics and on capitalism, we have a lot of differing opinions,” Gould said. “We probably should have been doing our homework when we were doing this.”

Inside Gen Z

To read PTT is to look inside the collective brain of a generation — one that is largely distrustful of institutions and misunderstood by Wall Street and Main Street alike.

Recent stories from the newsletter have blended anecdotal and statistical data on Gen Z’s sentiment toward automated vehicles and robotaxis; examined how the growing bond between teens and wristwatches mirrors a growing distaste for AI; and separated functionality from cultural relevance to explain the death of sneaker culture.

“I read this and The Atlantic with equal levels of intrigue,” said Sam Shaffer, an early reader and former eBay executive now consulting New Zealand’s government on business development. “Their writing is not focused on crushing the market . . . it’s about the trends they see in their world.”

High finance and Big Tech types buy in, Chilingirian believes, for the “Gen Z takes . . . variant views that the market may not have priced in yet. We’re experiencing them in real time.”

“The only other source of high school intel is when investors ask their children,” Gould added.

A subscription to Passing the Torch runs $15 per month or $150 per year — with annual revenue for the authors sitting in the five-figure range.

And while Gould and Chilingirian attend a school where tuition costs over $66,000 per year, their reporting is distinctly populist. That’s because the writers are in near constant communication with high schoolers all across the country.

When they’re not working on the Substack — researching and writing eats up a combined 30 hours per week — or in class, Gould and Chilingirian lead the nonprofit Brooklyn Youth Charitable Investment Group, which came about from them and their friends eating pizza and talking about stocks.

Two years in, 1,000 students from all corners of the country have passed through the organization. BYCIG has hosted talks with the chief economists of the White House, Wells Fargo and the Conference Board of Canada, as well as directors at UBS, Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan Chase.

‘Amazement’

More still have become involved with BYCIG through its investment arm, which manages a fund of about $50,000 raised by parents and finance professionals. Student teams research and pitch investment ideas to an advisory committee, and propositions that the board votes yes on are sent through to an accountant who executes the trade. The group then donates part of their returns to charity.

All in all, the fund has outperformed the market with three of the 12 positions growing more than 40%.

“The primary reaction is amazement,” said Nick Gould, Jasper’s father. A tech industry veteran and self-employed executive coach with a 200-subscriber newsletter of his own. (He credits PTT as the primary source of any growth he’s seen in his own year-old publication.)

Now in the throes of college application season, rising seniors Gould and Chilinigirian are thinking about succession plans for both the newsletter and nonprofit.

“We can’t set up a hedge fund just yet,” Gould said. “I won’t be 18 for another two months.”

Shares s’more sleepaway details

POSTIE’S A HAPPY CAMPER

ON TARGET: Reporter Marissa Matozzo (with bow, below, and water balloons, bottom) describes her return to Club Getaway with other Gen Zers trying adult sleepaway camps.

NY Post: Matthew McDermott

By MARISSA MATOZZO

The last time I came to Club Getaway in Connecticut’s Litchfield Hills was 2011 — I was 12 years old, sitting on a crowded school bus with my iPod Nano blasting Grouplove’s “Tongue Tied,” intensely knotting friendship bracelets for my friends, privately agonizing over how I would get out of most of the activities.

Fifteen years later, last weekend, I was back — part of a Gen Z trend of escaping jobs and city life for adult summer camp, to act like kids again, complete with bunk-style cabins, sports, swimming and s’mores.

Near the Big Apple, adult sleepaway options include Camp No Counselors in the Poconos, women’s-only Camp Social in Pennsylvania and Retrofolk Summer Camp in the Catskills.

Club Getaway, which has been welcoming grownups since 1976, is a pioneer on the scene.

Held every summer weekend, its over-21 packages include “rustic-chic” lodging, meals, wine with dinner, more than 50 activities, themed parties and live entertainment — for about $559 in a quad-cabin and $869 in a solo.

Owner David Schreiber told me the concept dates back to 1976, when founder Victor Fink transformed his family’s struggling children’s camp, now 100 years old, into an adult-camp model.

Today, roughly 200 to 250 adults descend on the property for a typical weekend, with the average camper around 36.

‘Be a kid again’

“People come here every weekend to have a great time and to be a kid again,” Schreiber said. “Our team is here to help people meet new friends, and for many, even soulmates.”

Would I meet mine? I stepped off the Metro-North train from Grand Central at the Harlem Valley-Wingdale station on a Friday, where a shuttle was waiting.

At camp, I checked into the pondside cabin I shared with three roommates and headed to happy hour under the camp’s main white tent, before sitting down to a family-style dinner.

Before long, we were swept into a room with a dance floor thumping with early-2010s hits — including, fittingly, “Tongue Tied.”

Fellow escaped Gothamite Carly Ziff, 34, of Midtown East, told me she’d never experienced sleepaway camp as a kid. “I heard about everyone here recreating their camp moments as a child, but I’m creating them now as an adult for the first time,” she said.

She said she made new friends at the camp’s “Paint and Sip” class where wine flowed — and was eager to try kayaking and other outdoor activities.

Sandra Florent of Irvington, NJ, came with a friend to celebrate her 40th birthday — and finally have the summer-camp experience she, too, missed as a kid.

“As an adult, it’s harder to make friends,” she said. “As a kid, I think you take it for granted.”

The next morning brought a buffet breakfast — before I headed down to the lake for tie-dye and archery.

After a scenic boat ride, water-balloon toss and foam-sword fighting came Saturday night’s “Party Like It’s 1926” costume bash.

Sunday featured “Bloody Mary Bingo” and a chat with a group of longtime camp alumni .

“I have so many stories, friends and my wife and children, all thanks to this camp,” said Lou Schioppo, 78, of Staten Island, who met his wife at the camp in 1976. “There’s nowhere else like it.”

Fred Cordero, 64, of Montclair, NJ, and his wife, Jessica Sporn, said they were planning to renew their vows at Club Getaway — where they, too, first met in 1998.

“Where else can you get to water ski, rock climb and meet your future wife all in one day?” Cordero asked.

As for me, I didn’t meet my future husband — as far as I know — but between the tie-dye, archery, foam-sword fighting, karaoke and lakeside cocktails, I made new friends, survived the sports and, for one weekend, let myself be a kid again.

SPINY DOGFISH
Washes ashore in Jersey.

NJ grave of 30 ‘dogfish’ sharks

Nearly 30 dead dogfish sharks mysteriously floated onto the sands of the Jersey Shore Wednesday morning, stunning locals who stumbled upon the scene.

The graveyard of marine predators popped up along a stretch of beach in Sea Isle City, according to ABC 7.

“All of a sudden you start seeing a concentration of small sand sharks, and I thought, ‘Well, this is odd,’ ” said Michelle Greenling, who saw the creatures scattered across 10 blocks while out walking Wednesday.

Experts say the small sharks — between 3 and 5 feet long — swim in schools ranging from hundreds to thousands. The cause of their deaths remains unknown.

“A couple of things it could be,” Stephen Nagiewicz, a marine scientist with Stockton University, told ABC 7.

“There’s something in the water, and they got sick and died. That’s probably unlikely since people haven’t been affected.”

The dogfish, which typically weigh between 8 and 22 pounds, were most likely caught by fishermen and later dumped back into the ocean, Nagiewicz added.

“They dumped them over the side or lost a net with all the things in there by accident, and all those sharks just floated up on the beach with the tides,” he said.

Dogfish are relatively common along the Jersey Shore and along the east coast.

Because of their abundance, fishermen often call them “junk fish” because they eat bait that is meant to lure other species.

Daniel Cody

Axis of Evil

The red-green-brown alliance v. America

MARK DUBOWITZ & BEN COHEN

AP

Fellow travelers: Piker (l.) and El-Sayed help form a dangerous coalition..

AN arresting image from the last century should haunt us in this one. In November 1940, Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov arrived in Berlin to deepen Moscow's pact with Nazi Germany, supposedly communism's mortal enemy.

"The hammer and sickle on Soviet flags fluttering alongside swastika banners provided an extraordinary spectacle in the Reich's capital," historian Ian Kershaw later wrote. And although the Nazi-Soviet pact collapsed months later when Hitler invaded the Soviet Union, its lesson endures: Extremists who appear to hate one another can readily make common cause against an enemy they hate even more.

Today, that enemy is America. A new red-green-brown convergence — uniting elements of the radical left, Islamist extremism and the authoritarian far right — is taking shape around a shared hostility to the Western democratic order.

Israel is where this convergence is most visible. Support for Hamas, hatred of Zionism and the recycling of ancient antisemitic tropes have created common ground among movements that otherwise have little in common.

But that's only the beginning. What ultimately binds these factions is hostility to the principles, institutions and ideals that made the United States the freest, strongest and most prosperous nation on Earth.

"Death to America," the favored slogan of Iran's Islamist regime, captures the nihilism at the heart of this convergence. Its language varies depending on who is speaking.

On the far right, figures like Tucker Carlson and Candace Owens attack a free-thinking, meritocratic America and portray US leadership as a conspiracy to subordinate the country to foreign interests — above all, Israel.

Their rhetoric echoes the conspiracy theories of the 1930s, when Charles Lindbergh, Father Coughlin and Henry Ford portrayed American Jews as a sinister force corrupting US politics and foreign policy. Today's version repackages the same poisonous idea for a new generation.

On the other side of the horseshoe, the radical left recycles Soviet-era indictments of American capitalism and power. The Democratic Socialists of America, influencers like Hasan Piker and politicians like Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez increasingly portray fundamental American principles — individual liberty, open markets and open debate — not as virtues worth defending but as camouflage for systems of oppression.

Both extremes find natural partners among Islamists, for whom the liberal Western tradition — individual rights, religious pluralism, equality between men and women and an open society — represents an ideological threat.

The contradictions are staggering. Parts of the progressive left that ostensibly still champion gay rights now march alongside Islamists, whose ideology regards homosexuality as a manifestation of Western immorality.

Meanwhile, self-proclaimed "America First" voices on the right and "human rights" advocates on the left repeat narratives eagerly amplified by authoritarian regimes in Russia, China, Iran and others — governments whose interests are decidedly not America First.

This is not an iron-clad alliance. It doesn't need to be.

All revolutionary movements eventually devour their own. Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Castro and Khomeini all purged erstwhile allies once they had served their purpose. But Americans can't simply wait for today's extremists to turn on one another.

Extremist candidates and movements are gaining influence in American politics, and social media algorithms are supercharging conspiracy falsehoods that shape political identities and increasingly drive votes.

The answer cannot be censorship or ideological conformity. That would betray the very principles we must defend.

The response must be a confident defense of America itself. Republicans, traditional Democrats and independents who believe in the promise of America need to draw the line clearly and reject antisemitism, political extremism, authoritarianism, communism and Islamism. And they must confront and defeat the poisonous idea that America is fundamentally wicked and deserves to be torn down.

With the midterm elections soon approaching and another presidential election in 2028, that argument cannot wait.

The great danger is not that the red, green and brown factions will agree on everything. They never will. The danger is that they agree on enough.

And what they increasingly agree on is that the America we inherited — free, pluralistic, democratic and powerful — is an evil to destroy rather than a gift to defend.

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THE WEEK IN WHOPPERS

A diary of disinformation and the delusional

THIS COMPLAINT

> [Arab New Yorkers] still face xenophobia, Islamophobia, and Zionism — along with the repercussions of speaking out against them.

—Zaina Arafat in New York magazine, Monday

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Habibi
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New York's diaspora of
and their
are flexing their cultural clout.

We say: Saying that Zionism — the belief in a homeland for the Jews — is something that New Yorkers have to "face" is an outlandish slur. Even the United Nations stopped claiming that "Zionism is racism," and that was 35 years ago.

THIS COYNESS

> I don't comment on my private life.

—Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Wednesday

We say: Odd that AOC got all demure about her privacy when asked about her relationship status just days after she livestreamed herself injecting hormones into her bare belly en route to freezing her eggs.

THIS VACATION PLAN

> Upon the strong recommendation of the NYPD, the first lady's security detail will be joining her when she travels to visit family in Syria and Lebanon.

—Mayoral spokesperson Dora Pekec, Monday

We say: Or not. NYPD Commish Jessica Tisch slapped down the idea that New York's Finest would protect First Lady Rama Duwaji on her "discretionary" jaunt to a security Level 4 "DO NOT TRAVEL" red zone. If Duwaji wants to gallivant around terrorist strongholds amid regional war, she can pay for her own entourage.

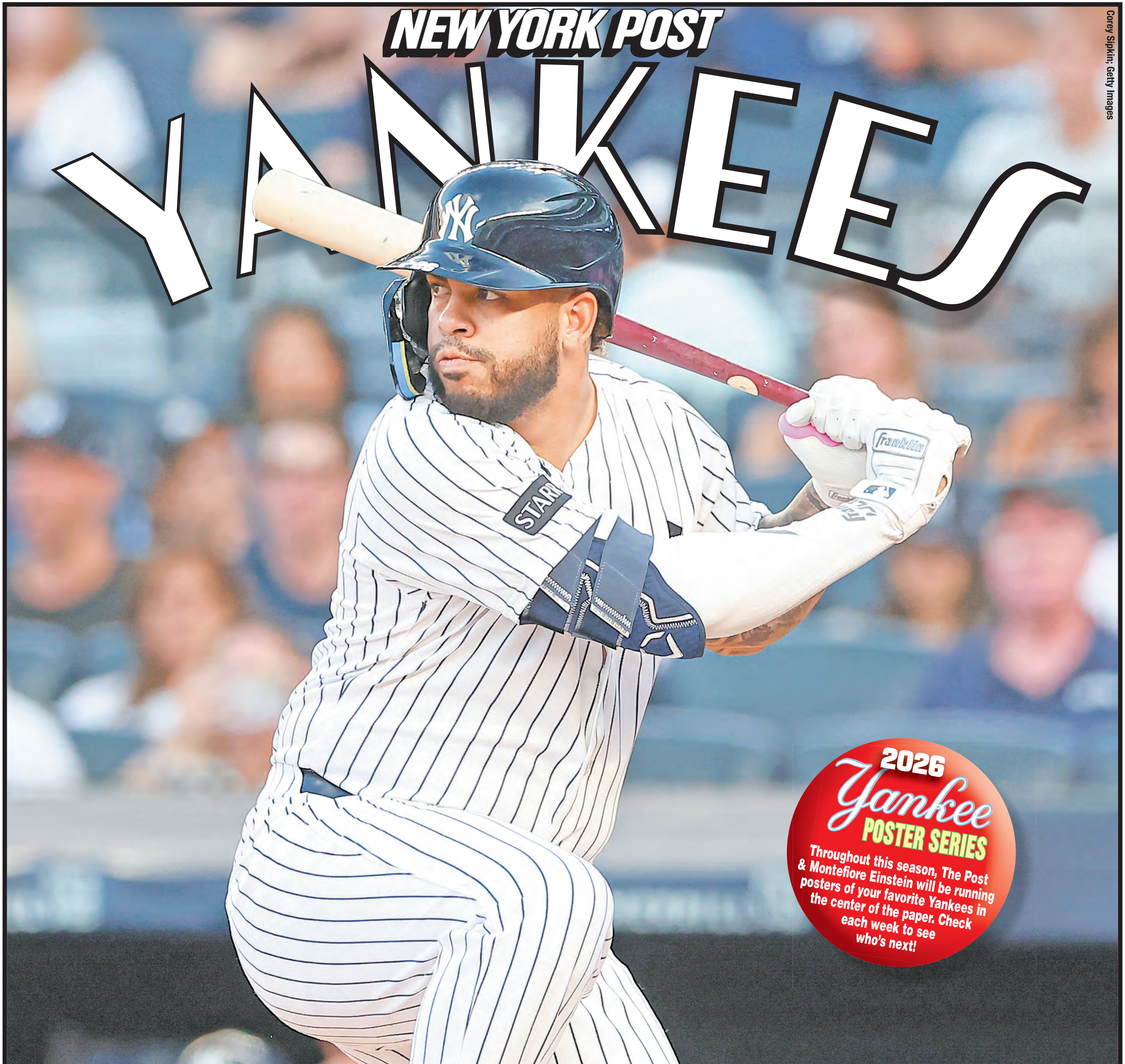
THIS DEFENSE POLICY

> We should be sending huge teams of diplomats.

—Democratic Socialists of America Co-Chair Megan Romer, Monday

We say: Romer agrees that Mad Vlad is a brutal, aggressive dictator, but is adamant that his invasion of Ukraine should have been met with lots of firm yapping, not arms. DSAers plainly don't even bother to consider how ridiculous their "solutions" get.

— *Compiled by The Post Editorial Board*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Hochul's Migrant Games

Facing a strong challenge from Nassau's Bruce Blakeman, Gov. Hochul is desperate to run for re-election against President Trump instead: That's why she just announced $7 million in emergency spending to provide legal representation for migrant minors who . . . already *have* lawyers.

The gov is so eager to win votes by protecting New Yorkers from ICE, she's making up threats — *and* ignoring real ones.

This week she joined Mayor Mamdani and state Attorney General Tish James to announce $7.25 million to fund attorneys for some 1,400 migrant kids facing removal proceedings, including about 250 in detention — necessary, they claimed, because the Trump administration canceled federal funding, "abandoning" the kids.

But it *hadn't*, border czar Tom Homan thundered back that night: All it did was switch to a better contract for that representation, one which "defends the children at a better rate than what was being done in the past. There hasn't been one child at a hearing that hasn't been represented by a lawyer under this new contract."

On to the threats Hochul refuses to face: Homan also slammed the gov for her "sanctuary" policies that shield border-hopping violent criminals from deportation. Such as denying federal detainers to hold the perps for handover: On his watch, "New York state has denied 14,000 detainers," Homan fumed — including "6,800 illegal aliens with assault convictions," 800 convictions for crimes against children, and "770 convictions for rape and other sex crimes."

Bottom line: "Don't tell me you're trying to protect children! You're releasing predators to the street every day across the state."

The $7 million Hochul's wasting on this latest stunt is a drop in the bucket of a state budget that's soared to $280 *billion* on her watch — but she owns every drop of the blood that's shed thanks to her cynical "resistance" to deporting the worst of the worst.

Why Dems May Miss Medicaid Fraud

'Don't look, don't think" looks to be the attitude politicians from state Sen. John Liu to Gov. Hochul took to what seems blatant Medicaid fraud in Flushing.

Donations and other political support may help explain the New York pols' obliviousness, though Democrats seem to think stopping fraud is a waste of taxpayer money.

The Post's Chadwick Moore uncovered a trail of campaign contributions to Hochul and other pols from owners of some Flushing's biggest Social Adult Day-Care businesses — centers that were empty of clients when our reporters visited (though none yet stands accused of wrongdoing).

In 2022, Hochul's campaign took in $55,000 from SADC operators who billed Medicaid over $40 million since 2018. Baoli Zhang, a big SADC owner, also gave $7,800 to Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) and $4,950 to Liu .

Donations may not buy a license to steal, but they *do* buy goodwill and discourage questions. Many Dems frown on anti-fraud efforts anyway, as exposing theft may undermine public support for these programs. Why else does state Attorney General Tish James run one of the nation's laziest anti-Medicaid-fraud shops?

Meng says she welcomes "good faith investigations" but resents supposed "MAGA campaigns targeting Asian American senior citizens." Liu says he's all for "full investigations and prosecutions" where "fraud and impropriety are suspected," though he doubts the Flushing centers are as empty as Post reporting suggests.

(They're certainly occupied when pols like Liu visit to campaign for seniors' votes.)

Cracking down on the tens of *billions* now stolen from government social-service programs is vital to ensuring the cash helps the truly needy, not the scammers. Democrats, who are always looking to justify more spending, should be able to see that.

What's the W *Mean*, WNBA?

An outfit with "women" in its name should be able to say what a woman is, but the Women's National Basketball Association fears defying progressive pieties about "gender identity."

To push the issue, NBA vets Enes Kanter and Royce White declared their intention to enter the WNBA draft as women. The league held an meeting to draw up a policy to clearly exclude them — and found it couldn't. It merely declared a lack of "immediate eligibility matters affecting the WNBA" and slammed "bad-faith efforts to use these topics to demean or marginalize others."

But Kanter and White aren't acting in bad faith, exactly; they're calling out the hypocrisy of a women's sports league bowing to a perverse ideology that allows some depraved men to pose as women.

Letting men play would destroy the WNBA, and everyone knows it — as they know that neither Kanter nor White is truly sincere.

But the same is true of, e.g., male rapists who claim to identify as female in order to be placed in women's prisons. It's *insane* to say such claims must not be denied, but the extreme "pro trans" position *is* insane.

So it's the WNBA that's acting in bad faith — by refusing to stand up for *actual* women's rights.

In this, the league is way behind the curve: The International Olympic Committee, the NCAA, USA Powerlifting . . . heck, even FIDE, which governs *chess*, have all landed squarely on the side of sanity by restricting participation in women's sports to women.

Facing reality isn't anti-trans nor anti-gay; it's just common sense. As the WNBA breaks big into the mainstream, it's going have to let go of its woke mentality.

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Rama's Middle East Trip: That NYPD Detail Won't Fly

THE ISSUE: NYC first lady Rama Duwaji's upcoming trip to Syria and Lebanon *without* an NYPD escort.

Rama Duwaji

•Mayor Mamdani said that a miscommunication led his press people to say Rama Duwaji would get a security detail on her trip to Syria and Lebanon ("Won't fly," Aug. 13).

I'm sorry, but I don't buy that — just a bunch of lies, like always. I think Mamdani himself wanted the NYPD to go with her, but when he caught a lot of flack about it, he backed down.

I'm glad City Hall got a harsh response from the NYPD. This mayor wants to do whatever he pleases, but let's hope there's people out there that will stop him.

Rob Johann
Woodhaven

•Rama Duwaji, the first lady of New York City, decides to travel to countries on the do-not-travel list. It was suggested we would send the NYPD finest to protect her. How would you do this without causing a potential international disaster?

Connie Abate
Dumont, NJ

•Syria and Lebanon have been designated as "do not travel" countries by the US government.

Why would a "private citizen" be escorted by police officers who could be killed in countries where they shouldn't be?

John Ketelsen
Ocean, NJ

•No matter how robust an NYPD security detail the mayor's Jew-hating and America-hating wife would have brought with her to Syria and Lebanon, it's not far-fetched to think that these officers could be overwhelmed by terrorists, and ultimately wind up as hostages in Iranian hands, where they could be tortured and used as pawns in negotiations with President Trump to end the war.

She doesn't need a NYPD security detail; her friends in Hamas and Hezbollah will undoubtedly ensure her safety.

Charles Compton
The Bronx

•Rama Duwaji has just learned a new word: Chutzpah!

Syd Miller, Manhattan

•The mayor's spokesperson's brazen assumption that the NYPD would accompany his wife to Syria and Lebanon is yet another example of Mamdani's dictatorship mindset.

God forbid someone of his ilk gets to the Oval Office. Then the US military will be at the whim of the president, as it is at the whim of all dictators.

Elizabeth Schultz
Manhattan

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Wisconsin Came to Its Senses

THE ISSUE: Left-wing candidate Francesca Hong's loss in Wisconsin Democrats gubernatorial primary.

•Democratic voters in Wisconsin finally came to their senses, and a late surge turned the tide in the gubernatorial primary race ("Wisconsin Was Just One Battle," Editorial, Aug. 13).

Instead of allowing a fully avowed communist to run for governor, they elevated a slightly better socialist to the candidates' perch.

True, Francesca Hong hated America, Thanksgiving and almost all national holidays. She was anti-Israel and anti-anything slanted to the true American ideals that made our country great.

She is feeling a bit low this week, but I bet even the local left-wing media is breathing a sigh of relief.

Robert Lobenstein
Hubertus, Wis.

•Wisconsin loon Francesca Hong's now-deleted tweet calling to cancel Thanksgiving may have crossed the red line for a DSA candidate in the Democratic Party.

It was so deadly that even socialist Jew-bashing defenders of the working class like Rep. Alexandria "Met Gala" Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Bernie "Three Homes" Sanders wouldn't jump on one of their private planes or lounge in first class on a commercial airliner to campaign for her.

Well, hooray for Thanksgiving. Our happy family day to enjoy turkey may have saved Wisconsin from electing one.

Matthew Brief
Manhattan

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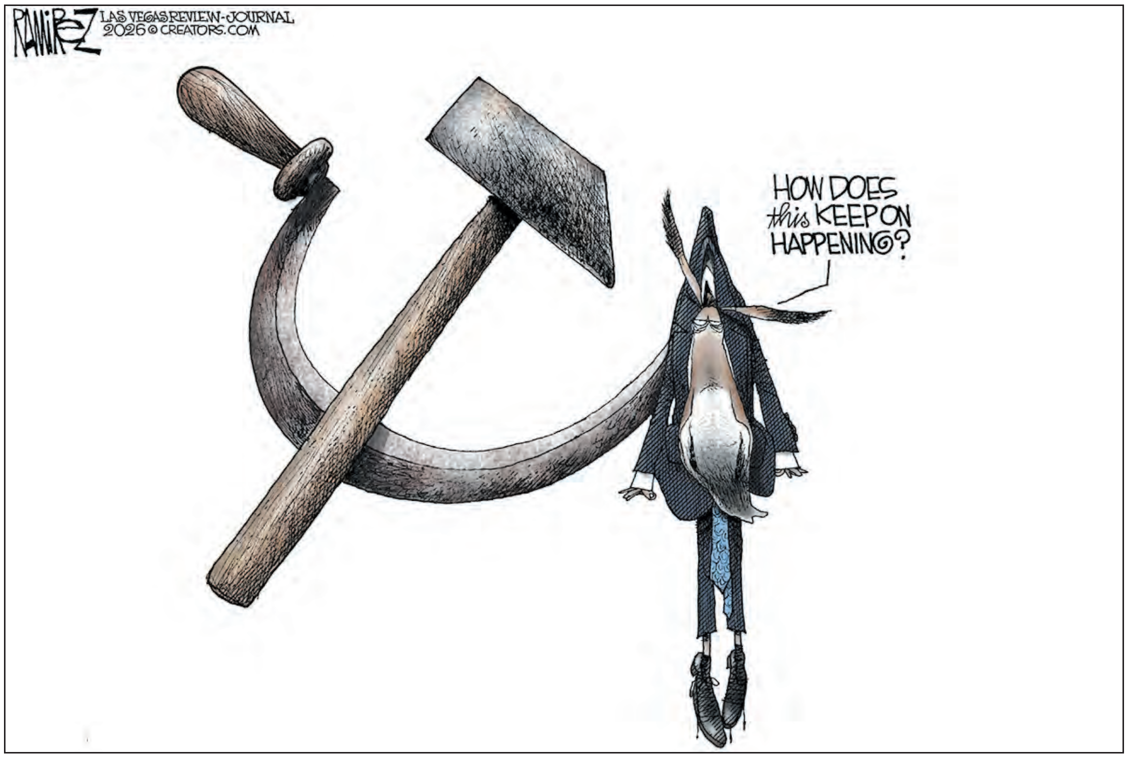
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HOW DOES this KEEP ON HAPPENING?

DON'S DRONE DEFENSE

Prez pushes delivery tech — but FAA is stalling

JOHN STOSSEL

THERE'S a new delivery system in town. Well . . . maybe not in *your* town.

In some places, drones are now allowed to deliver small packages, groceries and takeout. Companies like Wing and Zipline bring people hot meals in under 10 minutes. I had to see it to believe it.

Drone delivery makes sense. Drones are faster and usually more efficient than sending cars to people's homes — why use a whole car and driver to transport a single burrito?

Drone delivery was supposed to be common years ago. Jeff Bezos told "60 Minutes" he expected Amazon to be sending out drone deliveries by 2017. But most of us still don't have it.

Why? "Confusing regulations," said Adam Thierer, author of "Permissionless Innovation."

The Federal Aviation Administration declared that drones may not fly "beyond visual line of sight" without special authorization. To fly a drone farther, you must get airline-level certification. The FAA must inspect your facilities, review operating and maintenance procedures and certify you as an air carrier.

"It takes a lot of work from a company with the size and resources like Amazon to get these limited permits," Thierer explained.

"Would the Wright brothers have even gotten into the air if the Federal Aviation Administration existed when they were trying to fly for the first time? Unlikely!"

Because it's so hard to get permission, only eight companies now do drone deliveries. Of course, some people don't want drones making deliveries near them. I understand why.

Some worry about invasion of privacy, about drones with cameras "spying" on them. Amazon tells people, "Our drones use cameras and other sensors to navigate, sense and avoid obstacles," not to spy.

A bigger problem is that drones are often noisy. Companies like Wing say they're making drones quieter.

"We have trucks and delivery men come to our driveways every single day and we've just gotten used to it," Thierer pointed out. "There was a time when even that would have been very strange."

"But I don't want all these machines buzzing around my head!" I responded.

"You probably don't want noisy trucks coming down your driveway either," he said. "It would actually be better and potentially quieter if we had a drone that came from far in the sky and then just came down right on our property."

"These technologies are so new and different, and then, all of a sudden, they're right in our face, right above us.

"But guess what? That was the way cars were originally. That was the way trains were."

He's right: When trains were first introduced, some people genuinely believed that women's bodies were not designed to go 50 miles an hour. "Our uteruses would fly out of our bodies," they insisted.

"It was silly," laughed Thierer, "and they're going to freak out a little bit about drones. It's understandable. Then they're going to get used to it because they're going to see them. They're going to bring them into their lives, and things will change."

President Trump hopes to speed that process. He signed an executive order telling the FAA to fast-track drone deliveries by allowing drones to fly beyond line of sight.

But he did that more than a year ago. Government is, as usual, so slow — the FAA didn't even respond to Trump's order for months.

Now it has responded, but only with a proposed change. Who knows when, or if, it will go into effect. But at least there's some movement and experimentation.

"If America slows down," says Thierer, "the Chinese will step on the gas. Yes, they're a bunch of communists, but the reality is they've allowed a pretty vibrant marketplace to develop in things like drones."

Three cheers for Amazon, DoorDash Air, Wing, Zipline, DEXA and other drone delivery companies for taking risks to further this technology — and make our lives better.

John Stossel is the author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."

Dems' 5 Easy Steps To Ruin a State

JASON MIYARES

POLITICAL pros have a saying about how our two parties handle defeat and victory. When Republicans lose, the pundits say, they fear they'll never win again; when Democrats win, they govern as though they'll never *have* to win again. Virginia offers proof of the maxim.

As Virginia's Republican attorney general from 2022 to 2026, I worked alongside Gov. Glenn Youngkin to rebuild a state in disrepair. When we took office, Virginia ranked 46th out of 50 in post-COVID job creation. The murder rate had reached a 20-year high, and fentanyl overdose deaths hit new records. People and businesses were voting with their feet: For the first time in a century, Virginia had eight consecutive years of net population loss.

Commonsense conservative ideas changed the trajectory. Under Youngkin, Virginia climbed from the bottom tier of job creation to the top five. Smart fiscal discipline produced budget surpluses every year. Over $156 billion in new business investment flowed in. The murder rate fell, and Virginia led the nation in reducing overdose deaths.

Some dubbed it the "Virginia Renaissance." Virginia Democrats have rejected it. In doing so, Gov. Abigail Spanberger has managed to become one of the least popular governors in modern state history after a little more than half a year in office. All it took was five easy steps.

Step 1: Drive businesses away

Virginia Democrats have proposed more than $37 billion in new taxes in 2026, one analysis found — despite the budget surplus that Youngkin's policies left them. Democrats in Richmond have enacted a sweeping payroll tax and a carbon tax, and their new regulatory burdens have increased the effective cost of hiring in Virginia by 22.5% , the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy estimates. Under Spanberger, Boeing, Amazon and many other companies have announced closures or layoffs in the commonwealth.

"The fiscal damage will be devastating."

Step 2: Impose an energy tax

Virginia must double its baseload electricity capacity over the next decade to meet growing demand. The rational response would be expanding natural gas and nuclear energy — proven, reliable and affordable energy sources.

Instead, Democrats are forcing ratepayers to purchase "renewable energy credits" that generate no actual electricity — a de facto carbon tax that's costing Virginians hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and will soon add up to $1 billion or more a year.

Step 3: Put offenders over victims and thwart the police

Under Spanberger's Democrats, more than 9,000 convicted felons have been released early, some with decades remaining on their sentences; nearly half of them have already been re-arrested. Moreover, one of her first official acts was ordering state law enforcement to stop cooperating with federal authorities to deport violent illegal immigrants, even those convicted of rape and murder, putting innocent Virginians at risk.

Step 4: Force unionization on local governments

Virginia's right-to-work law has been key in attracting and retaining manufacturing jobs — but Spanberger was a co-sponsor of the PRO Act, which would have abolished right-to-work protections in Virginia and 26 other states. As governor, she's poised to sign mandatory collective bargaining legislation that forces all government employees into bargaining units, stripping local governments of flexibility and guaranteeing property-tax increases across the board.

Chesterfield County alone estimates the cost to its taxpayers at $200 million per year. Extrapolated across Virginia, the fiscal damage will be devastating.

Step 5: Push partisan politics, defying the state constitution

In 2020, Virginia voters amended their state constitution — by a two-thirds supermajority — to enact a nonpartisan redistricting process. Yet Spanberger, who campaigned as a pragmatic leader who would transcend party politics, supported an egregious partisan gerrymander under which the 46% of Virginians who voted Republican in 2024 would have held approximately 9% of the state's congressional seats. And while our state Supreme Court struck down the power grab, the damage to Spanberger's credibility was done.

The Virginia Renaissance was the product of principled, disciplined governance focused on the people rather than the political class. What's unfolding now in Richmond is its deliberate undoing at the hands of Spanberger and her Democrat allies.

Now, businesses and families are making their own calculations about whether to stay or go. History, and the voters, will render their verdict in time.

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The Post Puzzle Page

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E1 O1 Y4 R1 D2 M3 B3 — RACK 2

I1 O1 O1 Y4 L1 N1 N1 — RACK 3

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E1 M3 B3 O1 D2 Y4 — RACK 2 = 14

N1 O1 N1 O1 I1 L1 Y4 — RACK 3 = 60

D2 I1 C3 T1 I1 O1 N1 — RACK 4 = 66

TOTAL 216

PAR SCORE 150-160

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

West dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8 7 3
♡ A K J 5 4
◇ A Q 10
♣ Q 10

WEST
♠ K 10 4
♡ Q 3
◇ K 9 5
♣ A K J 6 3

EAST
♠ 9 5
♡ 10 9 6 2
◇ 7 6 3 2
♣ 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 6 2
♡ 8 7
◇ J 8 4
♣ 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Dbl(!)	Pass	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠(!)	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

Opening lead – ♣ K

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"Hear about the ships that collided?" Cy the Cynic asked me. "One was red, the other blue."

"Any loss of life?"

"No," Cy said, "but the passengers and crews are marooned."

Today's North bid wildly. He doubled West's 1NT with no idea whether he could beat it. Then when West ran to two clubs, and South bid two spades, North raised though South had not promised much strength.

West led the K-A and a third club, and dummy ruffed. South knew not to lead a trump to his queen next (West would win and lead a fourth club, and East would uppercut with his nine of trumps), so he took the ace and led the queen.

DOWN ONE

West won and led a heart. South took the A-K and was marooned -- in dummy. He tried to get to his hand by ruffing a heart, but West overruffed. Down one, and South was red-faced and blue.

South gets un-marooned if he takes the A-K of hearts before leading a second trump. However West defends, South reaches his hand to draw the last trump and win the rest.

Word Force

FIREBREAK

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 11** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Yesterday's word:

TANAGER

agate, agent, anger, arena, grant, grate, great, range, retag

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

BAMBOO SLEEPWEAR — **Solution: 9 letters**

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1 "Cor, blimey!"
5 Oxygen co-creator
10 Mascaron image
14 Drive-__
15 Tricky tennis serve
16 Traffic-dependent figs.
17 Azaria of "Brockmire"
18 *Action figure at the bottom of a pool?
20 WSW reversal
21 Virtual citizenry
22 Dad's sister
23 *Naval officer's very quiet "ahoy there"?
28 Outdoor dining spot
29 "Oh, now I see"
30 TV controller?
31 19th Greek letter
33 Cryptography org.
34 Mineralogist who created a scale
35 *Jokes about miscellaneous items?
38 2025 WNBA champions
40 Solstice mo.
41 Live and __ live
42 "Starship Troopers" backdrop
43 Zing
44 Gives, but not forever
48 *Essential for authors who work at the beach?
53 Olympic swimmer Torres
54 Cruising
55 __ leaf: stew herb
56 Clean energy option, or a hint to what the answers to the starred clues have?
59 Snitch (on)
60 "Copacabana" bartender
61 Hugo or Edgar
62 Wayfair rival
63 Referendum side
64 Like some buns
65 Join (up)

Down

1 Networking assistance
2 Grammy winner Twain
3 "Is This Thing On?" star Will
4 Big laugh
5 Activist/actor Davis
6 Straight up
7 Classic laundry soap
8 "Jeepers!"
9 Little laugh
10 Beyond irritated
11 Try to make right
12 Pasadena research univ.
13 Pre-naturalization test course, for short
19 Meemaw alternative
21 "McSorley's Bar" painter
24 "__ Andronicus"
25 Ceremonial accessory
26 Rental after closing, maybe
27 Hardware for Xbox
32 Cow's milk source
33 US Open locale
34 Interstate stopover
35 Fig. for ordering replacement parts
36 Set pieces
37 Peach __
38 "So sweet!"
39 Side mirror spot
43 Cider source
45 Like some cheesecake
46 Region with many Nats fans, briefly
47 Overview producer?
49 Canteen stack
50 Perceived to be
51 1-Down callers
52 Uncool
56 Auto care brand
57 Actress Grier
58 Come up short, maybe
59 Minor quibble

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Prices cool

Wholesale inflation was unchanged last month as gas prices reversed some of their Iran war spike, a sign that consumer inflation could grind lower in the months ahead. The Labor Department's producer price index was flat in July, after falling by 0.1% in June.

Time to hike

Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack reiterated her view that the central bank should raise interest rates to bring inflation back down to target. "I think it's really critical that we act now," Hammack said.

Still resilient

Fitch affirmed the sovereign credit rating for the US at "AA+" with a stable outlook, citing its large economy, high per-capita income and the dollar's status as the world's leading reserve currency.

Last hurrah?

Struggling Porsche plans to discontinue production of its electric model Taycan by 2030 due to weak sales, a German media outlet reported. Launched in 2019, the Taycan was Porsche's first EV.

Reddit invited

Reddit shares rose 11% after hours as the company was selected to join the S&P 500. Reddit will replace AvalonBay next week.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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Missing ingredients

Bill Gates' daughter Phoebe, 23, would more likely face financial penalties than tough-to-prove criminal charges for alleged "cookie stuffing" for unearned commissions at her startup Phia.

Getty Images

Could cost you big-time, cookie!

By ARIEL ZILBER
and TAYLOR HEZRLICH

Phoebe Gates is unlikely to face the maximum 20 years behind bars for potential charges stemming from the "cookie stuffing" allegations engulfing her AI-powered shopping startup Phia — but she could get hit with civil lawsuits and financial penalties if the claims are proven, experts say.

Star Kashman, founding partner of Cyber Law Firm, said federal wire fraud carries a statutory maximum of two decades in prison, along with potential financial penalties — but stressed that prosecutors would first have to prove that Gates knowingly participated in a scheme to defraud.

"This can't be a careless or negligent error," she told The Post.

Crime elements

"Wire fraud would have to paint a picture of a knowing scheme that is organized to defraud these individuals of their money." The "more likely" consequence for Gates and Phia is "financial penalties," Kashman said.

She said parties that can demonstrate they lost money because of Phia's alleged conduct could potentially pursue civil claims over commissions, contracts and business relationships, as well as privacy and consumer-protection issues.

Gates, the 23-year-old daughter of Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, and fellow Stanford alum Sophia Kianni co-founded Phia, an AI-powered shopping platform that launched its consumer app and browser extension in April 2025.

Bloomberg reported this week that Phia's browser extension could drop affiliate tracking cookies even when shoppers did not take the action normally required for the startup to claim credit for a sale, a practice known as "cookie stuffing."

Phia has disputed aspects of Bloomberg's findings and hasn't been charged with a crime.

A rep said "any features causing misattributions" were removed in July.

"Even with intent, prosecution is never automatic," Kashman said.

OPENAI EXEC CRUNCH

2nd pre-IPO exit

By MARC VARTABEDIAN

OpenAI Chief Revenue Officer Denise Dresser is leaving less than a year after she joined the company — the latest in a series of surprise high-level exits as the artificial-intelligence giant prepares for a blockbuster public listing.

The personnel change comes as OpenAI has been locked in fierce competition with Anthropic — which has investors hoping for a massive $2 trillion valuation when it goes public later this year.

The Dario Amodei-led AI lab's surging revenue could allow Anthropic to more-than-double its current valuation in its IPO, which is expected around October, six investors in the company told the Financial Times.

Playing catch-up

OpenAI's own IPO is expected to follow Anthropic's. The company said Thursday that Dresser is leaving "to pursue other opportunities" and will be replaced by Dali Rajic, who previously served as the president and chief operating officer of the cybersecurity company Wiz.

Dresser's exit is the second senior departure within days at the Sam Altman-led San Francisco startup. Brad Lightcap, a top OpenAI executive and friend of the CEO, said in a post on X Tuesday that he was leaving the company after eight years, stating he was going to "start something new."

OpenAI has been scrambling to catch up to Anthropic in selling to enterprise clients — a business segment that sent Anthropic's revenue surging. Dresser's exit creates a void, as she had brought enterprise experience to the company.

Joined in December

Her departure creates an additional crunch because she was in part brought on to take over some of Lightcap's duties after OpenAI said this year he was transitioning to a new "special projects"-focused role.

Dresser wrote on LinkedIn that she's working with OpenAI President Greg Brockman to ensure a "smooth transition."

She joined OpenAI in December after more than a decade as a Salesforce executive.

The rash of exits comes at an inopportune time for OpenAI as it rushes to polish up its finances ahead of a likely blockbuster initial public offering. The company confidentially filed its IPO paperwork with the Securities and Exchange Commission in June, just days after Anthropic.

In March, OpenAI closed a huge funding round at an eyewatering $852 billion valuation.

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Ackman shows his 'cards'

Bill Ackman unveiled six new holdings, including Netflix, Visa and Mastercard, marking the billionaire investor's biggest portfolio overhaul in years.

Ackman (right) said Thursday he acquired shares starting in the second quarter that will be held in his investment funds, including his newest offering, Pershing Square USA, which was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in April.

Along with Netflix, which Ackman held briefly in 2022 before selling at a loss, his funds are also investing in eye care firm Alcon, exchange operator Intercontinental Exchange and financial data provider S&P Global.

Ackman said he believes the firms' earnings are poised for strong growth, which he views as the greatest driver of investment value over time.

On Thursday, Netflix jumped 5%, S&P Global added 3% and the others, except Alcon, were modestly higher. Pershing Square USA shares were up more than 2% following the investment disclosures and second-quarter earnings released Wednesday.

The new additions mark the biggest overhaul in years for Ackman's portfolio, which traditionally owns no more than a dozen companies. Ackman added Microsoft earlier this year. *Reuters*

Jeepers 'peepers'!

Planet Fitness let creep film naked gals: lawsuits

By ARIEL ZILBER

Snoop dog

Women claim the gym chain ignored complaints Kyle Combs (right) was breaking into locked tanning rooms to film naked gals, while sometimes masturbating.

San Luis Obispo County District Attorney, Adobe Stock

Planet Fitness is facing a barrage of lawsuits from women who claim a male gym member repeatedly broke into locked tanning rooms and secretly filmed dozens of naked patrons — sometimes recording himself masturbating — as employees allegedly ignored warnings and suspicious behavior for months.

The explosive allegations center on a Planet Fitness in Arroyo Grande, Calif., where Kyle Combs was accused of amassing more than 50 photos and videos of roughly 47 women in various states of undress between January and December 2025, according to court papers.

Combs, 40, of Grover Beach, Calif., has been charged with 12 misdemeanor counts of invasion of privacy for secretly recording nude women in tanning booths, according to prosecutors. He has pleaded not guilty.

Eight women suing as Jane Does allege that Combs sometimes videotaped himself masturbating while filming his unsuspecting victims, according to one of four complaints filed recently in San Luis Obispo County Superior Court.

One woman claims she caught Combs inside her tanning area in May 2025 and immediately begged a Planet Fitness employee and manager for help — only to have them laugh at her and blame her for supposedly failing to lock the door.

When the woman insisted she had locked it, the workers allegedly dismissed her complaint and told her there was nothing wrong with the locks, the suit claims.

Combs' alleged spree nevertheless continued for another seven months, until a different woman caught him pointing a cellphone camera through a crack in her tanning booth on Dec. 29, according to the complaint.

The woman, identified as Jane Doe I, had stripped down except for a bikini top when she spotted the camera lens aimed at her unclothed body, the suit alleges.

Planet Fitness said the safety and privacy of its members is its top priority, and that it canceled Combs' membership and worked closely with the local police in their investigation.

Combs didn't respond for comment.

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Farewell tour for Cook

In one of his last public appearances as Apple's CEO, Tim Cook toured a Houston factory with Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, showing off a new manufacturing school and assembly line that later this year will start producing Mac Mini computers.

The tour demonstrated the close ties between Apple and the Trump administration, which has touted Apple's commitment to invest in the US as a centerpiece of the president's effort to rebuild US manufacturing. "Advanced manufacturing is where the puck is going," Lutnick said to a room full of workers taking a class in Apple manufacturing techniques. "The problem is we need to train Americans."

"We believe in the promise of this nation and we're proud to put our money where our mouth is," said Cook in a speech. *Dow Jones*

Tyson's ending a beef

Tyson Foods is planning to close a major beef processing plant and sell another, the latest moves by the meatpacking giant to pull back from the beleaguered beef business.

The Arkansas-based company said it is shuttering its Joslin, Ill., plant, which employs more than 2,000 people and can slaughter about 3,000 cattle a day. It separately aims to sell its Pasco, Wash., facility that can slaughter about 2,000 cattle a day. Tyson also said it plans to close a large beef packaging facility in Utah.

US meatpackers are under enormous financial pressure because of a yearslong cattle shortage, with domestic supplies falling to their lowest level in 75 years, sharply driving up costs for meat processors. Consumer demand for beef has remained strong, helping propel prices to record levels. *Dow Jones*

S&P 500 hits new heights

The S&P 500 notched a record-high close Thursday, fueled by advances in Sandisk and other heavyweight technology stocks, as tame producer price inflation data supported expectations that the Federal Reserve will not raise interest rates at its September meeting.

Memory chip makers Sandisk and Micron Technology surged 14% and 4%, respectively, while Microsoft added almost 1%, and Meta Platforms rose 2.8%.

Shares of AI cloud company CoreWeave dipped 1.3%. The stock surged 19% a day earlier after the company lifted its annual capital spending forecast.

Strong forecasts in recent weeks from companies including Microsoft and Amazon have reduced investors' concerns about massive spending on AI data centers.

"The AI earnings-driven tech boom continues," said Jay Hatfield, CEO of Infrastructure Capital Advisors in New York. "It's an earnings boom, not a bubble."

The S&P 500 climbed 0.7% to end the session at 7,798.99 points, exceeding its record high close last Friday. The broad index is up about 14% in 2026.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 0.8%, while the blue-chip Dow edged up 0.1%, closing within 1% of a record high. *Reuters*

Fear Coach flameout

Tapestry's Coach brand finished the fiscal year with another standout quarter of sales growth, but investors are worried the company won't be able to keep momentum going another year.

Coach has wowed shareholders this year, as its handbags caught on with Gen Z shoppers. But Tapestry struck a note of conservatism Thursday and said it now expects revenue to slow down in the second half of its new fiscal year.

Shares of the company, which also owns Kate Spade, slid 16%. *Dow Jones*

FLOCK CAMERA
New anti-abuse features.

Flock ups cam 'guards'

Flock Safety said it would add safeguards to its surveillance products to address potential abuse by law enforcement, after months of backlash and vandalism of its AI-enabled camera system.

All law-enforcement customers will be required to adopt a tool that flags abnormal activity for review, the company said Thursday. Atlanta-based Flock said the tool has already been associated with the arrests of several officers accused of abusing the system. It will also institute a "proactive lockout" that suspends access when the system detects suspicious behavior.

The company also said it would reduce the default data-retention period from 30 to seven days.

Tensions have risen across the country over the cameras, which photograph the back of passing vehicles and collect license-plate data and other identifying information. *Dow Jones*

Gen Z uses AI $$ tips

When it comes to money matters, many young investors are turning to artificial intelligence.

That is according to a new survey from Betterment, a wealth management company, which found that 48% of Gen Z investors say AI has already influenced a financial decision.

Gen Z investors, those born between 1997 and 2007, are also far more likely to use and trust AI than older generations, according to Betterment's survey. *Dow Jones*

STUBHUB $OCCED

World Cup tix failure nets 10% stock flop

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

StubHub shares tanked 10% Thursday on its disastrous World Cup partnership, which erased its quarterly profit and left customers who bought tickets stranded outside stadiums — resulting in a frenzy of media coverage and litigation.

In its Wednesday earnings report, the ticket reseller reported a loss attributable to common stockholders of $40,000, or less than a penny per share, for the quarter ended June 30, an improvement from a $75.9 million loss in the same quarter last year.

Revenue soared 33% to $573.1 million, beating analysts' estimates of $513.3 million — but expenses rose even faster, at 37%, as the World Cup ticketing catastrophe wiped out its profits.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup — which was hosted by 16 cities, including 11 in the US — was largely expected to deliver StubHub a boom in profits.

But the company was plagued by complaints from customers who paid for tickets months in advance — and then found themselves stuck outside stadiums around the country without an entry pass.

Blaming the app

"As fans ourselves, we understand the disappointment when these issues occur," CEO Eric Baker said during an earnings call late Wednesday. "Our marketplace only works when fans attend an event."

Baker blamed the dismal earnings on FIFA's mobile app, which he said was created by the event organizer as "just a bespoke thing for this tournament, not anything that anybody would typically rely on."

FIFA's app "added an additional layer of complexity" as StubHub attempted to manage an influx of ticket orders for 75 soccer matches held in cities nationwide across a two-week span, he added.

Baker said the majority of StubHub customers did not experience any issue with their World Cup tickets, adding that "there was a small subset of fans who didn't have the experience they wanted and had to get a refund."

"That's unacceptable to us. We work every day to try and eliminate that. Even one refund ... is one too many," he added.

The stock is now down nearly 60% from its market debut last year. The company sold shares to the public at $23.50 last September.

A lawsuit in Manhattan federal court that is seeking class-action status alleged two California residents shelled out thousands for World Cup tickets, only for StubHub to cancel their orders at the last minute.

LA resident Reuben Renteria paid $2,294 for two tickets to the match between Mexico and South Korea and traveled all the way to Mexico before he realized StubHub had canceled the order, the lawsuit said.

Orange County resident Julia Reeker Moghal was also left stranded outside LA's SoFi Stadium after she bought tickets for a Switzerland game, the suit claimed.

In another instance, 89-year-old Chico Mendez's dream of attending a match to see his beloved Mexico was crushed when StubHub failed to send his granddaughter Paola Hernández the tickets she'd already paid for, The Post previously reported.

Kick in the pants

StubHub's epic World Cup catastrophe left many fans, including Chico Mendez and his granddaughter Paola Hernández (inset), out in the cold after they had bought tickets far in advance.

Getty Images / TikTok/itspaaoolaaa

US drops suit vs. Nike

The federal agency that enforces laws banning workplace discrimination dropped a lawsuit seeking to enforce a subpoena in a probe of Nike's treatment of white employees, saying the company has handed over a trove of information.

District Judge Cristian Stevens in St. Louis granted the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's motion Thursday to dismiss the lawsuit it filed in February.

The commission had claimed the sneaker giant refused to comply with demands for information such as data on the company's workforce. Dropping the subpoena action doesn't mean the agency has concluded its probe. *Reuters*

'Silver' lining for Workday

Private-equity firm Silver Lake is in talks to acquire Workday, which has a market value of about $43 billion, in a deal that would rank among the largest software buyouts in history, according to sources.

Silver Lake and the human-resources and financial management software company have held discussions about a potential deal in recent months, sources said.

Silver Lake could bring in additional investors to finance the deal, one source said, which would represent one of the firm's largest technology investments to date. The private-equity firm teamed up with Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund and Affinity Partners for its roughly $55 billion take-private deal for video game maker Electronic Arts last year.

Workday's shares surged 18% Thursday but are still down almost 4% this year. *Reuters*

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LOCKDOWN DEFENDER

Seahawks to sign CB Arnold, who is facing multiple felony charges

By THOMAS GAMBA-ELLIS

Troubled cornerback Terrion Arnold has found his new NFL home.

Arnold, who is facing eight felony counts in connection with a February robbery and kidnapping, is signing a deal with the Seahawks, ESPN's Adam Schefter reported Thursday.

Exact details of Arnold's contract remain unclear, with the deal coming after the 23-year-old garnered interest from multiple teams — including the Giants and Jets — over the past few weeks.

Arnold, who was drafted by the Lions with the No. 24 pick in the 2024 NFL Draft, was ultimately released by Detroit in June after he was arrested in Tampa, Fla., for his alleged involvement in the kidnapping.

He previously met with the Seahawks this past weekend and visited the Giants on Wednesday.

During a pre-trial hearing in July, Arnold's agent, Nicole Lynn, said that the Jets were one of the teams interested in the cornerback.

Following Arnold's signing, the NFL must now decide whether to place the cornerback on the Commissioner's Exempt List as he faces the charges.

TERRION ARNOLD

Arnold allegedly was the "primary conspirator" in the February kidnapping and is accused of beating three men whom prosecutors say he falsely suspected of robbing him and others of over $250,000 at an Airbnb in Lago, Fla.

He also claimed to have roughly $100,000 in cash, watches, jewelry, designer bags, shoes and a cell phone stolen from him, the Detroit Free Press reported.

The men who accused Arnold and his six alleged co-conspirators of robbing them allegedly had "visible injuries from being battered, held at gunpoint, and pistol-whipped before their personal property was stolen and they were ordered to leave," according to Tampa police.

"All three victims were escorted out of the apartment by the armed suspects, forced into their vehicle, and the victims immediately left the scene," police stated.

Despite turning himself in at Orient Road Jail on June 24, Arnold maintains his innocence.

"Terrion Arnold categorically denies any involvement in the matters underlying the allegations made against him and maintains his innocence," Denise White, CEO of EAG Sports Management, said in a statement. "There is no credible evidence linking Mr. Arnold to these allegations."

Through 24 career games in two NFL seasons, Arnold has one interception and 18 passes defensed.

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Ex-LSU QB speaks out on number brouhaha

Jayden Daniels opened up about the controversy surrounding the decision by the NFL quarterback to slap his former school with a cease and desist letter prohibiting LSU from using his name, image or likeness.

News of the demand, which was sent to LSU athletic director Verge Ausberry on Aug. 5, was reported by ESPN on Wednesday night and Daniels issued a statement through his social media channels Thursday afternoon.

"I have been locked in on training camp and that's been my number one focus," Daniels said. "I have a lot of gratitude for my time at LSU and I'm proud of what my teammates and I accomplished there. Obviously there are issues to be worked out between my team and LSU and my hope is that it will get done privately. My sole personal focus is on Commanders' football. I realize the business of football is unique and I trust this can all be resolved."

Daniels issued the letter after LSU gave his No. 5 jersey to sophomore cornerback DJ Pickett.

The issue at hand stems from Daniels' family's belief that his number would be "honored and protected" and would be a "meaningful" part of Daniels' legacy in Baton Rouge.

"The Daniels family is deeply disappointed and feels profoundly disrespected by LSU's decision to give Jayden's number to another player," a Daniels spokesperson told ESPN.

Daniels' number has not been worn by another LSU player since he went to the NFL, but No. 5 was never officially retired by the football program.

— Christian Arnold

SPORTS SHORTS

SOCCER: Necaxa eliminates NYCFC

New York City FC could not hold on to an early lead as goals by **Juan David Valencia Longa** and a 79th-minute tally by **Juan Pablo Torres** helped Necaxa earn a 2-1 Leagues Cup victory Thursday night in Harrison, N.J.

The defeat in the third and final group stage game eliminated NYCFC from the Leagues Cup. **Keaton Parks** had given the hosts a 1-0 lead with a 37th-minute goal.

MLB: Phillies win at Field of Dreams

Kyle Schwarber smashed two home runs into the corn behind right field to stretch his major league-leading total to 37, as the Phillies beat the Twins 7-1 in the first game at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa, in four years.

● In Boston, standout rookie **Payton Tolle** allowed two hits over eight innings, **Caleb Durbin** hit a grand slam and the Red Sox ended their five-game skid with a 7-0 victory over the Blue Jays.

● In Washington, **Cade Cavalli** took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, and the Nationals beat the Cubs 7-0 to avoid a three-game sweep.

● In Chicago, **Sal Stewart**, **Eugenio Suárez** and **Tyler Stephenson** homered, and the Reds held off the White Sox for a 9-8 victory.

● In Detroit, **Keider Montero** pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and the Tigers blanked the Guardians 3-0 despite failing to record a strikeout.

● In Miami, **Braxton Ashcraft** threw a complete-game three-hitter, **Rafael Flores** had a pair of three-run homers and the Pirates beat the Marlins 13-1.

NFL: Flacco delivers Bengals to victory

Joe Flacco threw a touchdown pass in relief of **Joe Burrow**, **Evan McPherson** kicked three field goals and the Bengals beat the Lions 16-14 in Cincinnati in the preseason opener for both teams. Burrow and the first-string offensive line played two series, with the franchise quarterback going 5 of 6 for 39 yards.

● In Las Vegas, No. 1 draft pick **Fernando Mendoza** threw a touchdown pass in his preseason debut for Las Vegas in a 27-14 loss to the Cardinals. The Heisman Trophy winner finished 10 of 16 for 97 yards and a 6-yard TD pass to **Jack Bech**.

● In Pittsburgh, rookie **Drew Allar** threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for another during an impressive debut as the Steelers surged past the Packers 28-9.

GOLF: Rahm to leave LIV Golf

LIV Golf reportedly is bracing for the imminent departure of Spanish star **Jon Rahm**, who recently won his third straight individual season championship.

As LIV Golf fights to stay afloat without Saudi financial backing, The Telegraph reported Thursday that league sources are "almost resigned" to Rahm's departure when the season ends later this month.

● In Memphis, Tenn., **Jordan Spieth** believes he's playing better golf and he finally got a score to show for it. He was bogey-free for a 5-under 65 that gave him a four-way share of the lead in the FedEx St. Jude Championship. Rocket Classic champion **Michael Thorbjornsen**, **Jake Knapp**, **Michael Kim** and **Kurt Kitayama** also opened with 65s.

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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
Cosmic Year (3rd)
Lock Record: 12 for 25 (48%)
Meet Record: 65/266 $436.52

1 1 mile; $78,000; alw; 3YO

A **STICKUPWITHOUTAGUN** in the Friday opener. Outrun in both the Mike Lee and the NY Derby at Finger Lakes. Only 2-time winner in the field will be better here. J Ortiz rides for McPeek. **WHOS YOUR ZADDY** led late, outkicked, racing 1 1/8 miles. Noda shaves a furlong; gets Franco to ride. Ran 5th behind Stickupwitoutagun in May. **JETS RIO** is 1 for 8 but only 3/4 shy at Ellis. And **INTO THE LIGHT** was 3 lengths short, this level/distance at the Spa.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Into the Light(L),123	D Davis	2-1-2	R Dutrow	3-1
2	Jets Rio(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	3-4-5	Moquett	9-2
3	Bold Love(L),123	L Saez	8-2-7	Summers	6-1
4	Stickupwithoutagun(L),123	J Ortiz	4-9-1	McPeek	3-1
5	First Blessing(L),123	J Rodriguez	7-3-3	Jimenez	5-1
6	Who's Your Zaddy(L),123	M Franco	3-12-5	Noda	5-2

2 5 1/2 fur(T); $90,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies on the turf. **NIGHT SKY** (Delgado/Zayas/Mendelssohn) offers fair first-out value. **ATLAS A EYE** debuted 2nd best, this distance. Moves forward if we're off turf. **CAYENNE** is another first-timer trained by Delgado. Sired by Central Banker; Castellano up. And **SOUTHERN KISS** ran home a neck short on the lawn at Ellis.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	White Star,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	Abreu	15-1
2	Cayenne,123	J Castellano	x-x-x	Delgado	12-1
3	Miss Ma'am,123	J Rodriguez	7-4-x	Green	5-1
4	Denos Grace,123	T Gaffalione	10-5-x	Beckman	8-1
5	Early Autumn,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Servis	4-1
6	Southern Kiss,123	J Ortiz	2-x-x	Casse	2-1
7	Split the Blanket,123	C Elliott	7-x-x	Giddings	7-2
8	Night Sky,123	E Zayas	x-x-x	Delgado	8-1
9	Atlas a Eye,123	M Franco	2-x-x	Mott	9-5

3 1 mile(T); $125,000; alw; 3up

Chad Brown removes **COSMIC YEAR** from the stakes trail after finishing a neck short in the Cliffhanger, then 4 lengths shy in the Grade 3 Kelso. 1st time lasix. Franco stays on; so do we. **GEORGIA MAGIC** MTO. Won last pair by a combined 10+ lengths. **PAROS** Dirt to turf for Gustavo Rodriguez. Winner racing for 50k last grass start. And 2 for 2 on the Saratoga lawn. Gets Carmouche back. **MAUI STRONG** scored at Churchill, snapping a lengthy losing skid. Contender. **INTELLECT** is 0 for 5 at a mile but a 1/2 length shy lasy try.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Makes Sense(L),126	D Davis	7-7-5	Summers	12-1
2	Cosmic Year(GB)(M),126	M Franco	9-2-x	C Brown	8-5
3	High Beta(L),126	T Gaffalione	12-2-1	Arriaga	20-1
4	Maui Strong(L),126	L Saez	1-5-2	Romans	5-1
5	Intellect(FR)(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	2-4-2	C Brown	9-5
6	Paros(L),126	K Carmouche	6-1-3	Rodriguez	4-1
7	Frosted Over(L),126	C Elliott	6-10-2	Sells	20-1
8	Alan Turing(L),126	J Alvarado	6-1-2	Quick	7-2
9	Georgia Magic(L),126	J Rodriguez	1-1-4	Schauer	6-5
10	Le Gris(L),126	Rider TBA	8-4-4	Rodriguez	10-1
11	Sherlock's Jewel(L),126	K Carmouche	4-4-9	Rodriguez	5-1

4 7 fur; $65,000; clm($55,000); 3up

Winners of 1 and the only horse proven at 7/8 is **TOGA DORO**. Only 3/4 short, same distance last out. **ABRIGADO** moved lower and responded, graduating by open lengths (4th start). Well spotted for Joe Sharp but can he get another furlong? **FREAKY** Turf to dirt for Handal. 0 of 3 on dirt, and not since 2024. Blinkers on. Using the wildcard in deep exotics with **NEIGH BABY**. Loads off a maiden breaker as well (7th start). Stretch runner needs it fast up front.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Hot Property(L),126	M Franco	8-5-3	Rice	6-1
2	Daiquiri Sommelier(L),126	L Saez	6-3-1	Stall	4-1
3	Freaky(L),126	D Davis	5-5-4	Handal	12-1
4	Toga d'Oro(L),126	R Santana, Jr	2-5-2	R Dutrow	5-2
5	Abrigado(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	1-4-5	Sharp	7-2
6	Neigh Baby(L),122	J Rodriguez	1-7-2	Englehart	9-2
7	Swaging(L),126	T Gaffalione	2-3-9	Potts	5-1

5 1 mile; $71,000; mdn clm($85,000); 3up

Love **OLD TIME ROCKNROLL**. Rallied, only to miss by a length. Chad Brown gives him more ground. Linda Rice's **STREAM IT** is 0 for 7. Pair of 3rds and a close 4th, last 3 starts. Rider change to Franco. **GORDY** Turf to dirt for Terranova. 0 for 4 on dirt. A 2nd place finish at the Big A his best showing. Blinkers off.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Disparate Impact(L),126	R Santana, Jr	2-3-5	Rice	6-1
2	Gordy(L),121	D Davis	6-5-2	Terranova II	5-1
3	Ovechkin(L),121	T Gaffalione	9-5-6	Hennig	15-1
4	Knowledge Sharing(L),121	J Ortiz	11-x-x	C Brown	6-1
5	Bedeviled(L),121	L Saez	2-7-6	Asmussen	12-1
6	Old Time Rocknroll(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	3-6-x	C Brown	2-1
7	Stream It(L),121	M Franco	4-3-3	Rice	3-1
8	Asked and Answered(L),121	J Rodriguez	5-7-4	Arriaga	8-1

6 1 1/16 miles(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-olds making two turns on the turf. Many making their career debuts. Our grade **INTO FOREVER** (LaRose/Santana/Into Mischief), **BALIAGE** (Brown/Franco/Kingman), **INFURIATA** (Summers/Davis/Raging Bull), **LITTLEBERRY** (McPeek/J Ortiz/Plainsman) and **CUT YOUR LOSSES** (Brown/Gaffalione/Epicenter).

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Infuriata,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Summers	12-1
2	Whatever It Takes,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Green	8-1
3	Divine Sunshine,123	K Davis	5-x-x	Leaf III	30-1
4	May December,123	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Mott	6-1
5	Cut Your Losses,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	C Brown	6-1
6	Littleberry,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	McPeek	8-1
7	Bourbon Madness,123	J Castellano	7-x-x	Hennig	20-1
8	Baliage(IRE),123	M Franco	x-x-x	C Brown	5-2
9	Into Forever,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	LaRose	6-1
10	Mel Went Home,123	L Saez	5-3-x	Medina	9-2

7 1 1/8 miles; $45,000; clm($16,000); 4up

GLEN AIRY Close 2nd then a troubled 5th before shipping from Churchill. Moves forward, moving lower for Maker. **APALTA** drops for Kantarmaci after a midpack 5th. Won 3 of previous 4 at this distance. Rider change to Franco. **HEY TOBY** fell to this height and came back a disappointing 6th after getting parked wide. Ran 2nd at this longer distance in April. Winner racing for 10k in March. Value's up; Rodriguez up. **FEVER NIGHT** scored back-to-back wins before taking a breather in April. Threepeat in cards.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Hey Toby(L),123	J Rodriguez	6-4-2	Charlerie	12-1
2	Laughing Boy(L),121	H Harkie	5-2-7	Simmonds	30-1
3	Good Bali(L),121	R Gutierrez	6-6-8	Bhigroog	30-1
4	Fever Night(L),123	J Lezcano	1-1-5	Rice	6-1
5	Sharp Spark(L),123	S Gonzalez	4-5-2	Kantarmaci	5-1
6	Pineapple Man(L),121	J Ortiz	8-2-1	Nevin	8-1
7	Glen Airy(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	5-2-3	Maker	8-5
8	Indy Rags(L),123	K Carmouche	5-4-2	Giangiulio	6-1
9	Apalta(L),123	M Franco	5-5-1	Kantarmaci	9-2

8 7 fur; $125,000; alw; 3up

Late run from **RIDGEWOOD RUNNER**. Rallied from 10 lengths back; won by 4+. Gets a pace to chase. Right back for Joe Sharp, same distance. **CONTRARY THINKING** Runnerup twice here this summer. Nose short, this distance. **OTELLO** was 3rd behind the winner **ELIMINATE** when they raced a mile at Aqueduct. Otello led and may be better retreating to 7 panels. Eliminate is 1 for 6 at this distance. And **BOLD STRENGTH** won, same distance at Churchill. Repeat in cards.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Ridgewood Runner(L),126	T Gaffalione	1-6-4	Sharp	4-1
2	Contrary Thinking(L),126	J Rodriguez	2-2-3	Green	5-2
3	Commuted(L),126	R Santana, Jr	3-8-1	Rice	8-1
4	Vibrant Express(L),126	M Franco	5-6-2	Weaver	6-1
5	Eliminate(L),126	K Carmouche	1-3-1	Rice	9-2
6	Otello(L),126	J Alvarado	3-3-3	Kantarmaci	8-1
7	Bold Strength(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	1-2-2	Cox	3-1

9 5 1/2 fur(T); $200,000; Smart And Fancy; 3up(f)

Canadian shipper **MISS VYVYANNE** won the Grade 2 Highlander at Woodbine. Now 7 for 10 on grass. Again in the Smart & Fancy. Moran in for the ride. **ZEITLOS** The M/L fave is 0 for 5 on turf. Length short in the Grade 2 Caress here last month. **DELIGHTFUL FLAME** moves to the stake off a handy optional claiming win. Last of 9 in lone stake start. **CAPTURING** makes stake debut for Pletcher after winning by thismuch. Solid 3 for 8 on turf.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Me Governor,124	M Franco	4-7-6	Sharp	12-1
2	Delightful Flame,124	K Davis	1-2-2	Duggan	10-1
3	Praying,126	J Velazquez	6-3-4	Medina	12-1
4	Le Amazonia,124	J Alvarado	2-2-6	Barboza	8-1
5	Capturing,124	I Ortiz, Jr	1-3-5	Pletcher	5-1
6	Miss Vyvyanne,126	P Moran	1-2-1	Cox	5-2
7	Itzel,124	T Gaffalione	2-2-2	Ennis	8-1
8	Ratu Jawa,124	S Bridgmohan	4-5-4	Seyler	50-1
9	Zeitlos,124	J Ortiz	2-6-2	Asmussen	2-1
10	Munnings Express,126	M Franco	1-3-3	Rice	3-1

10 1 1/16 miles(T); $71,000; mdn clm($85,000); 3up

The **MELODY MAN** was narrowly defeated last 3 grass starts at Gulfstream. Gets Gaffalione back. **ABOUT FACE** was 2nd, lone grass start at Churchill. **VIVALDI** was 10th behind About Face, but narrows the gap 2nd off the layoff for Chad Brown. Ran 2nd prior to the break. J Ortiz replaces Gaffalione. **LANGUID** Board hitter all 3 grass starts.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Vivaldi(L),126	J Ortiz	10-2-7	C Brown	4-1
2	About Face(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	4-2-4	Cox	2-1
3	Melody Man(L),126	T Gaffalione	4-2-2	Sweezey	8-1
4	Minotaur(L),121	L Saez	4-6-7	Gargan	6-1
5	Mortal Lock(L),126	M Franco	6-2-8	Weaver	6-1
6	Ghost Driver(L),121	D Davis	5-x-x	Noda	30-1
7	Languid(L),121	J Velazquez	2-8-3	R Dutrow	6-1
8	Duty(L),126	J Rodriguez	3-2-3	Clement	5-1
9	Luz de Guia(L),126	K Davis	8-3-3	Zito	20-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Royal Enclosure (7-1) ran well for 2nd, debuting in the rain. Profit of +$24.

Three for Friday. Play $4 across the board on Night Sky in Race 2 and Melody Man in Race 10. And $30 to win on Cosmic Year in Race 3.

— *Vic Cangialosi*

Yonkers entries Friday

FIRST: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	Bjm's Lil Man	(CKelly)	2-5-4	2-1
2	R Lady W	(JMarohn)	1-2-4	7-5
3	Vinny De Vie	(BHolland)	8-1-4	8-1
4	Commodus A	(ASiegelman)	4-8-5	12-1
5	Stormy Kromer	(PLachance)	4-5-3	10-1
6	Blockchain	(DDube)	3-3-2	5-1
7	Highlandstarburst	(Stratton)	7-2-1	20-1

SECOND: Mile trot; $19,000; cond

1	Mycrwnmykngdm	(PLchnce)	3-2-9	5-1
2	Street Gossip	(ASiegelman)	5-3-5	5-2
3	Sunday's Brunch	(JStratton)	4-6-3	9-2
4	Communion Money	(CKelly)	6-5-4	10-1
5	Zenmeister S	(JMarohn)	6-2-4	3-1
6	Durante Hanover	(DDube)	1-7-7	8-1
7	Hoolie N Hector	(SSmith)	4-5-8	20-1
8	Bully Boy Hill	(BHolland)	3-6-4	6-1

THIRD: Mile trot; $21,000; cond

1	Meetmeatthebar	(DDube)	9-8-3	10-1
2	Nymeria	(CKelly)	6-1-5	7-5
3	Show The Will	(VGinsburg)	1-1-2	20-1
4	Yo Sheldon	(PLachance)	4-5-6	8-1
5	Warrawee Yang	(JMarohn)	2-1-7	7-2
6	Ourmomentntime	(BHolland)	1-1-3	5-1
7	Lucky Mum N	(ASiegelman)	2-5-7	20-1
8	Saint K	(JStratton)	2-4-2	15-1

FOURTH: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	SongsInTheWind	(Segelmn)	1-2-2	5-1
2	Sea Can	(JStratton)	3-4-2	6-1
3	BayBreezeHanover	(BHollnd)	5-5-7	8-5
4	Bronzer	(JMarohn)	6-1-4	4-1
5	Khaosan Road	(DDube)	7-2-6	9-2
6	Vandy Lane	(CKelly)	7-4-4	12-1
7	Musical Ride	(PLachance)	5-2-7	20-1

FIFTH: Mile pace; $23,000; cond

1	BeckoningYankee	(BHolland)	1-2-8	2-1
2	Discoveringthehunt	(Marhn)	2-2-5	6-1
3	Fashion Terror	(VGinsburg)	8-4-4	12-1
4	Illusion Seelster	(DDube)	3-2-2	5-1
5	Elegant A	(CKelly)	3-3-4	6-1
6	Cruise Alert	(SSmith)	6-5-1	20-1
7	Millwood Bliss N	(JStratton)	2-2-8	3-1
8	Nila Maree N	(ASiegelman)	7-3-5	15-1

SIXTH: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	Hunting Hula	(PLachance)	3-6-2	3-1
2	Bronx Mixer	(BHolland)	2-6-5	7-2
3	Cerise Rainbow A	(CKelly)	7-4-1	8-1
4	Ultimate Speed	(DDube)	8-6-4	12-1
5	Lloyd's Loves	(JMarohn)	1-7-7	9-5
6	Distant Lover	(VGinsburg)	7-5-7	20-1
7	Bri Express N	(JStratton)	3-7-3	10-1
8	Glittering Hope	(Siegelman)	7-7-6	20-1

SEVENTH: Mile pace; $23,000; cond

1	Chanceoflightning	(JStrattn)	7-5-2	5-2
2	I'm A Believer	(ASiegelman)	2-3-3	12-1
3	Lydeo	(JMarohn)	4-4-2	4-1
4	Twin B Echo	(BHolland)	6-3-7	7-2
5	Post Painter N	(PLachance)	6-4-1	20-1
6	Fear Danie	(CKelly)	1-4-1	3-1
7	True Blue Hanover	(SSmith)	4-1-3	20-1
8	Ideal Cover	(VGinsburg)	5-8-7	20-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $28,000; cond

1	Waitforever N	(JStratton)	5-2-4	6-1
2	Sheer Artistry N	(CKelly)	3-1-1	7-2
3	Cheryls Shadow	(DDube)	5-8-3	20-1
4	LooklikediamondsA	(LTrittn)	5-5-2	3-1
5	RecklessAbandn	(ASegelmn)	4-1-1	9-2
6	Oakley Shard N	(BHolland)	1-X-X	5-1
7	Time To Strike	(JMarohn)	4-6-7	20-1
8	Francent N	(PLachance)	2-4-1	5-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $43,000; Invitational

1	Stayingwiththewind	(JMrhn)	6-8-6	12-1
2	Worklifebalance	(JStratton)	8-4-3	8-1
3	Silk Cloud A	(LTritton)	1-3-3	8-5
4	Front PageStory	(Lachance)	6-3-2	9-2
5	Raspalia N	(SSmith)	1-1-7	6-1
6	Rose	(CKelly)	3-4-7	4-1
7	Tick A Loch A	(BHolland)	8-1-5	6-1
8	CoachellaboundN	(VGinsbrg)	2-1-1	20-1

TENTH: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	More Gooda N	(JMarohn)	3-7-7	9-5
2	Cannery Row	(ASiegelman)	4-7-4	10-1
3	Cowgirl Lilly	(VGinsburg)	4-4-2	15-1
4	Hugs And Kisses	(DDube)	6-7-6	7-2
5	Shez The Reason A	(SSmith)	4-5-5	2-1
6	Harper Seelster	(BHolland)	7-3-X	15-1
7	Sunburnt	(CKelly)	5-8-4	15-1
8	Party Cruiser	(JStratton)	6-7-7	15-1

Saratoga Results

FIRST-5½ fur; $100,000; mdn; 3up (f&m)
3 Combt Mov (Ortz) 6.06 3.84 2.12
1 Galway Gurl (Davis) 7.12 2.88
7 Liberty's Advance (Alvarado) 2.10
Scr: Daylight Dreamer, Aperitif
● $1 Exacta (3-1) $20.25 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-1-7-2) $12.43 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-1-7) $19.89

SECOND-6 fur; $71,000; mdn clm($85,0); 3up
2 Mo th Mrrr (Frnco) 4.28 2.76 2.20
1 Relative Risk (Saez) 8.46 4.98
3 Grand Gesture (Alvarado) 4.78
● $1 Daily Double (3-2) $7.32 ● $1 Exacta (2-1) $26.39 ● $1 Quinella (1-2) $19.74 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-1-3-6) $73.45 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-3) $75.42

Winner picked by Vic C

THIRD-1 mile; $70,000; alw; 3up (f&m)
1 Ldy Wsdm (SntnJr.) 3.36 2.20 2.10
2 Our Prfrrd Pl (Crmouch) 3.62 3.06
6 Icy Legs (Elliott) 5.14
Scr: Timia
● $1 Pick 3 (3-2-1) $11.48 ● $1 Daily Double (2-1) $3.46 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $4.76 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-2-6-3) $6.90 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-6) $17.35

Double picked by Vic C

FOURTH-1 3/16 mile; $120,000; alw; 3upf
4 Mdnght Cncrt (Ortz) 5.22 2.92 2.14
5 Tulip (Alvarado) 6.20 3.72
1 Majaz (GB) (Castellano) 2.34
Scr: Chartist,Purloin,Soundbite,PrincessBcca
● $1 Pick 3 (2-1-4) $8.99 ● $1 Daily Double (1-4) $5.33 ● $1 Exacta (4-5) $17.66 ● $1 Quinella (4-5) $9.03 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-5-1-2) $6.01 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-5-1) $18.17

FIFTH-6 fur; $43,000; clm($20,0); 3up (f&m)
8 Mascara (Ortiz) 7.64 4.60 3.02
9 Cloudy Chance (Lezcno) 5.78 4.00
3 Vekomancer (Franco) 2.54
Scr: Scarlet's Dream
● $1 Pick 3 (1-4-8) $17.55 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-1-4-8) $21.28 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (3-2-1-4-8) $82.40 ● $1 Daily Double (4-8) $9.29 ● $1 Exacta (8-9) $26.45 ● $0.1 Superfecta (8-9-3-1) $20.99 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-9-3) $34.30

SIXTH-1 mile; $130,000; alw; 4up (f&m)
3 Table Flrt (Alvrdo) 7.54 3.68 3.22
6 Spnnng Colors (Velzquz) 6.06 4.50
2 Shotgun Wedding (Ortiz) 3.58
Scr: Amber Cascade, Anna's Promise
● $1 Pick 3 (4-8-3) $43.48 ● $1 Daily Double (8-3) $13.84 ● $1 Exacta (3-6) $20.15 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-6-2-4) $22.65 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-6-2) $46.61

SEVENTH-5½ fur; $125,000; alw; 3up (f&m)
6 Shoot It Tru (Ortz) 3.20 2.12 2.10
3 Hghway Harmony (Zays) 3.00 2.42
1 Abientot (Davis) 2.84
Scr: Shades of Jade, All Class, Coaster, Next On Stage
● $1 Pick 3 (8-3-6) $29.53 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1-4-8-3-6) $77.54 ● $1 Daily Double (3-6) $7.78 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $4.13 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-3-1-5) $1.98 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-1) $3.66

Winner picked by Vic C (Lock)

EIGHTH-1 3/4 miles; $200,000; Birdstone; 3up
3 Strs nd Strpes (Sz) 6.86 2.98 2.76
1 Prchment Prty (Velzquz) 2.84 2.44
4 Passing Game (Gaffalione) 8.42
● $1 Grand Slam (3/6/8/9-2/3/6-1/2/3/6/7/8/9-3) $8.93 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-6-3) $28.61 ● $0.5 Pick 5 ((X-COUNTRY P5) 3-3-6-7-3) $355.27 ● $1 Daily Double (6-3) $6.51 ● $1 Exacta (3-1) $6.07 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-1-4-8) $83.27 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-1-4) $44.23

NINTH-6 fur; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 3up
2 Crtera (Gaffalone) 5.32 3.06 2.48
4 Royl Enclosur (Rodrguz) 6.18 4.62
3 Spherical (Davis) 4.68
Scr: Complex Charlie, Flight Commander
● $1 Pick 6 (4-8-3-6-3-2) $15.97 ● $1 Pick 6 (4-8-3-6-3-2) $658.28 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-3-2) $11.23 ● $1 Daily Double (3-2) $9.18 ● $1 Exacta (2-4) $13.91 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-4-3-10) $20.27 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-4-3) $42.23

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	74	46	.617	—	—	9-1	W-9	41-18	33-28
Yankees	68	53	.562	6½	+8	6-4	L-1	31-27	37-26
Boston	65	56	.537	9½	+5	5-5	W-1	29-31	36-25
Toronto	59	64	.480	16½	2	6-4	L-1	31-32	28-32
Baltimore	58	63	.479	16½	2	4-6	L-1	32-30	26-33

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	62	58	.517	—	—	4-6	L-1	37-24	25-34
Detroit	60	61	.496	2½	—	7-3	W-1	32-28	28-33
Minnesota	60	63	.488	3½	1	4-6	L-1	32-29	28-34
Cleveland	59	63	.484	4	1½	3-7	L-1	28-31	31-32
Kansas City	49	73	.402	14	11½	3-7	L-4	29-30	20-43

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Houston	62	60	.508	—	—	5-5	W-1	30-29	32-31
Texas	60	62	.492	2	—	5-5	L-3	32-27	28-35
Seattle	57	65	.467	5	3½	3-7	W-1	33-29	24-36
Los Angeles	48	74	.393	14	12½	5-5	W-3	28-34	20-40
Athletics	47	74	.388	14½	13	2-8	L-3	21-39	26-35

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Thursday

Seattle 1, **Yankees** 0
Detroit 3, Cleveland 0
Cincinnati 9, White Sox 8
Boston 7, Toronto 0
Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 1
L.A. Angels 7, Texas 0

Friday

Yankees at Toronto, 7:15
Boston at Pittsburgh, 6:40
White Sox at Detroit, 6:40
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10
San Diego at Cleveland, 7:10
Seattle at Houston, 8:10
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 9:38
Texas at Athletics, 9:40

Saturday

Yankees at Toronto, 3:07
White Sox at Detroit, 1:10
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:10
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7:10
San Diego at Cleveland, 7:10
Seattle at Houston, 7:10
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7:15
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 9:38
Texas at Athletics, 9:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	73	48	.603	—	—	7-3	W-2	41-21	32-27
Philadelphia	65	58	.528	9	—	5-5	W-1	32-30	33-28
Miami	62	60	.508	11½	2½	5-5	L-1	38-25	24-35
Washington	60	63	.488	14	5	5-5	W-1	27-36	33-27
Mets	53	69	.434	20½	11½	6-4	L-2	25-34	28-35

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	75	47	.615	—	—	6-4	W-1	41-22	34-25
Chicago	71	51	.582	4	+6½	8-2	L-1	35-24	36-27
St. Louis	61	60	.504	13½	3	7-3	W-2	32-34	29-26
Cincinnati	58	62	.483	16	5½	6-4	W-1	29-31	29-31
Pittsburgh	59	64	.480	16½	6	3-7	W-1	30-30	29-34

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	73	49	.598	—	—	4-6	L-1	36-24	37-25
San Diego	65	57	.533	8	+½	7-3	W-5	37-26	28-31
Arizona	64	58	.525	9	½	5-5	L-2	36-27	28-31
San Francisco	50	71	.413	22½	14	3-7	L-1	28-31	22-40
Colorado	48	73	.397	24½	16	4-6	W-2	27-32	21-41

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Thursday

Pittsburgh 13, Miami 1
Cincinnati 9, White Sox 8
Washington 7, Cubs 0
Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 1
Milwaukee 5, L.A. Dodgers 4

Friday

Washington at **Mets**, 7:10
St. Louis at Cubs, 2:20
Miami at Cincinnati, 6:10
Boston at Pittsburgh, 6:40
San Diego at Cleveland, 7:10
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:15
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15

Saturday

Washington at **Mets**, 4:10
St. Louis at Cubs, 2:20
Colorado at San Francisco, 4:05
Miami at Cincinnati, 6:40
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7:10
San Diego at Cleveland, 7:10
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:15
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7:15
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15

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Solution to Very Easy #7,370

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Solution to Difficult #7,160

Mariners 1, Yankees 0

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arozarena lf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.276
Rodríguez cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.257
Canzone rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.252
Robles rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Raleigh dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.159
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Donovan 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Wilson 3b	2	1	1	1	1	0	.204
Emerson ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.190
Pereda c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.261
Rivas ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.130
Young ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Totals	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**10**	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.222
Rice dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.256
Jones lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Ramos ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.249
García 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.281
Lombard ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.276
Chisholm 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.216
Caballero rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.241
McMahon 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.218
Sánchez c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.271
Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Wells c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.180
Totals	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**3**	**10**	

Seattle	**010 000 000**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**1**
Yankees	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**0**

E: Emerson (9). **LOB:** Seattle 5, New York 6. **2B:** García (23). **HR:** Wilson (4), off Fried. **RBIs:** Wilson (11). **SB:** Wilson (5), Caballero (29). **CS:** Caballero (9). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 2 (Raleigh, Young); New York 3 (Caballero, Rice, Rosario). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 4; New York 0 for 5.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gilbert, W, 9-7	6.0	4	0	0	1	7	95	3.28
Bazardo, H, 23	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	20	3.23
Ferrer, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3.42
Muñoz, S, 21-27	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3.71

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Fried, L, 4-4	5.0	5	1	1	2	4	88	2.81
Yarbrough	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	28	3.57
De los Santos	1.2	0	0	0	0	3	21	0.77
Cruz	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.81

T: 2:47. **A:** 41,842 (47,309).

Nationals 7, Cubs 0

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.281
Suzuki rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Busch 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Triantos 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Ramirez 2b-1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.294
Swanson ss	1	0	0	0	2	1	.215
Conforto dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.230
Amaya c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Totals	**27**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**11**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Abrams ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.284
Ortiz 1b	4	2	2	3	0	1	.333
Crews rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.218
Lile lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.249
House 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Vivas 2b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.243
Chaparro dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.226
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.275
Pinckney cf	2	0	0	1	0	1	.250
Totals	**33**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**1**	**8**	

Chicago	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Washington	**000 150 01x**	**—**	**7**	**10**	**0**

LOB: Chicago 2, Washington 4. **2B:** Crews (11). **HR:** Ortiz (4), off Gausman. **RBIs:** Crews (27), Pinckney (2), Ortiz 3 (8), Lile (65), Vivas (20). **SB:** Crews (8). **SF:** Pinckney. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 0; Washington 2 (House, Ruiz). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 0; Washington 3 for 8.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman, L, 6-11	4.2	7	6	6	1	7	93	4.53
Civale	3.1	3	1	1	0	1	37	5.05

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cavalli, W, 10-5	8.0	1	0	0	2	10	103	3.36
Beeter	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	3.65

T: 2:20. **A:** 21,463 (41,376).

Tigers 3, Guardians 0

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.265
DeLauter rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.285
Bailey c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Ramírez dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.231
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Adell lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Bazzana 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Genao 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.296
Hedges c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Martínez ph-rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Rocchio ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Totals	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**0**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Torres 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.256
Dingler c	4	0	0	1	0	1	.264
McGonigle ss-3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.286
Valencia dh	3	1	1	1	0	1	.386
Keith ph-dh	0	0	0	0	1	0	.265
Torkelson 1b	3	0	2	1	1	1	.232
Lee 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.265
McKinstry ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Clark cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Báez lf-ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.285
Malgeri rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.265
Totals	**30**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**8**	

Cleveland	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Detroit	**001 001 01x**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**1**

E: Messick (3), McGonigle (12). **LOB:** Cleveland 5, Detroit 7. **2B:** Báez (7). **HR:** Valencia (5), off Messick. **RBIs:** Dingler (81), Valencia (14), Torkelson (63). **SB:** McGonigle (12). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 3 (Lowe 2, DeLauter); Detroit 4 (Valencia 2, Clark 2). **RISP:** Cleveland 0 for 4; Detroit 1 for 8.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Messick, L, 9-7	5.2	3	2	2	2	6	102	2.59
Yoho	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	20	5.11
Aleman	0.1	2	1	1	1	0	21	3.57
Herrin	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.60

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Montero, W, 9-7	6.1	3	0	0	1	0	88	3.22
Holton, H, 12	1.2	1	0	0	0	0	19	2.68
Jansen, S, 15-19	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.86

T: 2:24. **A:** 31,777 (41,083).

Reds 9, White Sox 8

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	4	1	1	0	1	2	.268
Stewart 1b	3	4	2	2	1	1	.259
Bleday lf-rf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.218
Stephenson c	3	2	2	3	1	0	.252
Suárez dh	3	1	1	4	0	0	.205
Myers cf	3	0	1	0	2	1	.255
Rodríguez rf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.087
Friedl lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.163
McLain 2b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.191
Hayes 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.140
Totals	**34**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**6**	**6**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meidroth 2b-ss	3	2	2	1	2	1	.279
Grichuk dh	3	0	2	3	0	0	.267
Benintendi ph-dh	2	0	1	2	0	1	.245
Vargas 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.232
B.Montgomery rf	2	2	0	0	3	2	.228
Doyle cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Murakami ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.234
C.Montgomery 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Quero c	5	1	3	2	0	0	.208
Romo pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.136
Antonacci lf-2b	5	2	2	0	0	2	.280
Acuña ss	2	1	1	0	0	1	.240
Peters ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Totals	**39**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**5**	**12**	

Cincinnati	**301 401 000**	**—**	**9**	**8**	**0**
Chicago	**130 010 021**	**—**	**8**	**12**	**1**

E: B.Montgomery (5). **LOB:** Cincinnati 8, Chicago 9. **2B:** Meidroth 2 (23), Grichuk 2 (17). **HR:** Stewart (26), off Martin; Suárez (18), off Martin; Stephenson (11), off Fedde. **RBIs:** Stewart 2 (89), Suárez 4 (48), Stephenson 3 (38), Grichuk 3 (28), Meidroth (49), Quero 2 (19), Benintendi 2 (59). **SB:** Myers (8). **SF:** Suárez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 4 (Rodríguez 3, Hayes); Chicago 4 (Vargas 2, Doyle, Antonacci). **RISP:** Cincinnati 2 for 9; Chicago 6 for 14.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Abbott	4.1	7	5	5	3	3	93	4.13
B.Burke	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	12	2.76
Antone, W, 2-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	16	2.77
Mey	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	4.40
Moll	0.2	3	2	2	1	1	26	4.50
Johnson, H, 7	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	9	4.63
Garcia, S, 2-2	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	23	3.28

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martin	2.0	2	4	3	1	3	35	4.32
Fedde, L, 6-8	3.0	5	4	4	2	1	51	4.51
McDougal	0.1	0	1	1	3	0	25	27.00
Richards	2.2	1	0	0	0	2	28	3.25
Hicks	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3.34

T: 3:06. **A:** 17,013 (40,241).

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 0

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Sogard 2b	4	1	0	0	1	0	.247
Rafaela cf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.288
Abreu rf	3	2	1	0	2	0	.254
Contreras 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.280
Yoshida dh	3	1	2	1	1	0	.270
Durbin 3b	5	1	3	5	0	0	.253
Duran lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.201
Monasterio ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Totals	**35**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**5**	**6**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McAdoo lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.194
Smith ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Clement 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.280
V.Guerrero 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Springer dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Okamoto 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Giménez ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.238
Valenzuela c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Straw cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Lukes rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Totals	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**5**	

Boston	**100 000 042**	**—**	**7**	**10**	**0**
Toronto	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**2**	**1**

E: Giménez (6). **LOB:** Boston 9, Toronto 3. **2B:** Contreras (19). **HR:** Durbin (12), off Lee. **RBIs:** Contreras (72), Durbin 5 (60), Yoshida (27). **SF:** Yoshida. **S:** Contreras. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 5 (Yoshida, Monasterio 2, Duran 2); Toronto 2 (Okamoto 2). **RISP:** Boston 2 for 7; Toronto 0 for 2.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tolle, W, 8-6	8.0	2	0	0	2	4	91	2.97
Weissert	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	17	3.88

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Scherzer, L, 1-5	5.0	3	1	1	2	4	92	6.59
Miles	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	15	3.16
Fisher	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3.54
Lee	1.0	4	4	4	1	0	31	7.88
Estrada	1.0	1	2	2	2	1	29	5.54

T: 2:25. **A:** 43,442 (39,150).

Phillies 7, Twins 1

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schwarber dh	5	2	2	3	0	1	.250
Turner ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	.247
Harper rf	4	1	1	1	1	2	.253
Hill rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Arraez 2b	5	0	3	0	0	0	.316
Stott 3b	5	0	1	1	0	0	.265
Bohm 1b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.230
Marsh lf	2	2	2	2	2	0	.276
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Crawford cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Totals	**38**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**4**	**7**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.272
Buxton cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Jeffers c	3	0	2	0	1	1	.286
Bell dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.253
Lewis 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Clemens 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.227
Keaschall rf	3	1	2	1	1	1	.266
Lee 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Culpepper ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.176
Totals	**34**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**3**	**12**	

Philadelphia	**200 300 200**	**—**	**7**	**12**	**0**
Minnesota	**010 000 000**	**—**	**1**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Philadelphia 8, Minnesota 9. **2B:** Turner (21), Bohm (18), Buxton (17), Keaschall (17). **HR:** Schwarber 2 (37), off Bradley; Marsh (17), off Adams; Keaschall (7), off Nola. **RBIs:** Schwarber 3 (72), Stott (54), Harper (72), Marsh 2 (54), Keaschall (36). **SB:** Marsh (11). **CS:** Marsh (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 5 (Stott 2, Schwarber, Realmuto 2); Minnesota 4 (Lewis 3, Culpepper). **RISP:** Philadelphia 4 for 9; Minnesota 0 for 5.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Nola, W, 4-9	5.0	5	1	1	3	9	97	5.33
Raley	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	14	2.14
Bowlan	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	2.68
Kerkering	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	3.80
Duran	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	9	1.70

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradley, L, 9-5	4.0	7	5	5	4	3	89	3.98
Adams	2.2	4	2	2	0	1	42	5.92
Rogers	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	10	5.11
Nance	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	16	3.18

T: 2:52. **A:** 7,163 (8,000).

Angels 7, Rangers 0

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Cauley ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Langford lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.253
Seager dh	2	0	0	0	1	0	.200
Díaz ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Nimmo rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.274
Kelenic ph-rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.224
Duran 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Carter cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.193
Lopez ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.268
Wynns c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.139
Foscue 2b-1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Totals	**33**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**8**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meckler dh	4	0	1	0	1	1	.303
Trout cf	5	1	3	1	0	1	.245
Schanuel 1b	3	1	1	0	2	0	.271
Grissom 3b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.249
Ballesteros c	5	1	1	0	0	1	.216
Guzman ss	4	2	3	1	0	1	.241
Lowe rf	4	0	2	2	0	2	.206
Siri lf	4	0	1	2	0	2	.261
Frazier 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.221
Totals	**38**	**7**	**15**	**7**	**3**	**10**	

Texas	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Los Angeles	**020 040 10x**	**—**	**7**	**15**	**2**

E: Duran (5), Siri (3), Guzman (5). **LOB:** Texas 8, Los Angeles 10. **2B:** Lowe (6). **RBIs:** Frazier (8), Trout (45), Guzman (18), Lowe 2 (24), Siri 2 (23). **SB:** Grissom (1), Lopez (5), Frazier (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 5 (Foscue, Wynns 2, Duran 2); Los Angeles 7 (Schanuel, Trout 2, Ballesteros, Meckler 2, Lowe). **RISP:** Texas 0 for 4; Los Angeles 6 for 18.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
deGrom, L, 8-8	2.0	6	2	2	1	3	53	3.95
Gray	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	16	3.19
Montgomery	2.0	6	4	4	0	2	52	10.50
Peoples	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	13	2.51
Winn	1.0	3	1	1	1	2	22	5.95
Alexander	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3.10

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ureña, W, 8-8	6.0	2	0	0	2	5	100	2.67
Fermin	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	3.05
Saucedo	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	12	4.70
Peralta	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	7.36

T: 2:44. **A:** 24,959 (45,517).

This Date In Sports

1903 — Jim Jeffries knocks out Jim Corbett in the 10th round to retain his world heavyweight title in San Francisco.

1936 — In Berlin, the U.S. wins the first Olympic basketball gold medal with a 19-8 win over Canada. The game is played outdoors on a dirt court in a driving rain. Joe Fortenberry leads the U.S. with seven points. James Naismith, the inventor of the game, presents the medals.

1959 — The formation of the American Football League is announced in Chicago. Play will begin in 1960 with franchises in six cities with the probability of adding two more teams.

1977 — Lanny Wadkins beats Gene Littler on the third hole of sudden death to take the PGA Championship.

1977 — The Cosmos, led by Pele, play before a Meadowlands crowd of 77,961 in East Rutherford, N.J., the most to see a soccer game in the U.S. The Cosmos beat the Fort Lauderdale Strikers 8-3 in an NASL quarterfinal playoff game.

1994 — Nick Price wins the PGA Championship, finishing at 11-under 269 for 72 holes, six strokes ahead of Corey Pavin. It is the lowest stroke total in an American major championship.

2003 — The New York blackout forces the evacuation of workers and players from Shea Stadium hours before the Mets-Giants game. It's the only major league baseball game affected by the blackout that stretches from the Northeast to Ohio and Michigan. Elsewhere, two WNBA games are postponed, and Yonkers (N.Y.) Raceway cancels its card.

2005 — The U.S. 4x400 relay team, anchored by Jeremy Wariner, races to a record 14th gold medal for the United States at the field world championships.

Pirates 13, Marlins 1

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Horwitz 1b	6	0	2	0	0	1	.262
Lowe dh	6	0	1	0	0	3	.250
Reynolds lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.262
Garcia lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Gonzales 2b	4	1	2	0	1	0	.309
Valdez rf	5	2	2	0	0	1	.250
Gonzalez ss	4	2	1	2	1	0	.233
Brannigan 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Mangum cf	4	3	3	1	0	0	.301
Triolo 3b-ss	4	3	3	3	1	1	.250
Flores c	5	2	2	6	0	2	.233
Totals	**43**	**13**	**16**	**12**	**4**	**9**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marsee cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.206
Edwards 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.282
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.312
Conine dh	2	0	1	0	0	1	.279
Pauley 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.188
A.Ramírez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Jiménez 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.206
Caissie rf	3	1	1	1	0	2	.229
Sanoja 3b-p	3	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Ruiz lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Totals	**27**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**10**	

Pittsburgh	**000 023 035**	**— 13**	**16**	**1**
Miami	**000 000 001**	**— 1**	**3**	**0**

E: Gonzalez (2). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 8, Miami 0. **2B:** Mangum (15). **3B:** Mangum (2). **HR:** Triolo (2), off Phillips; Flores (2), off King; Gonzalez (6), off Sanoja; Flores (3), off Sanoja; Caissie (13), off Ashcraft. **RBIs:** Triolo 3 (24), Mangum (28), Flores 6 (8), Gonzalez 2 (28), Caissie (52). **SB:** Reynolds (8). **CS:** Ruiz (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 3 (Gonzalez, Horwitz, Valdez); Miami 0. **RISP:** Pittsburgh 4 for 9; Miami 0 for 0.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ashcraft, W, 12-5	9.0	3	1	1	1	10	85	3.88

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Phillips, L, 3-6	5.1	6	4	4	1	6	92	3.65
Gibson	1.2	1	1	1	2	3	37	5.51
King	0.2	2	3	3	1	0	21	3.59
Sanoja	1.1	7	5	5	0	0	29	33.75

T: 2:27. **A:** 8,223 (37,446).

PGA Tour Schedule

June 11-14 — RBC Canadian Open (Bud Cauley)
June 18-21 — U.S. Open (Wyndham Clark)
June 25-29 — Travelers Championship (Viktor Hovland)
July 2-5 — John Deere Classic (Chris Gotterup)
July 9-12 — Genesis Scottish Open (Tom Kim)
July 9-12 — ISCO Championship (Steven Fisk)
July 16-19 — The Open Championship (Ryan Fox)
July 16-19 — Corales Puntacana Championship (Stefano Mazzoli)
July 23-26 — 3M Open (Jackson Koivun)
July 30-Aug. 2 — Rocket Classic (Michael Thorbjornsen)
Aug. 6-9 — Wyndham Championship (Michael Brennan)
Aug. 13-16 — FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 20-23 — BMW Championship, Saint Louis, Mo.
Aug. 27-30 — TOUR Championship, Atlanta
Sept. 17-20 — Biltmore Championship Asheville, Arden, N.C.
Sept. 24-27 — Presidents Cup, Medinah, Ill.
Oct. 1-4 — Bank of Utah Championship, Ivins, Utah
Oct. 8-11 — Baycurrent Classic, Kanagawa, Japan
Oct. 22-25 — Butterfield Bermuda Championship, Southampton, Bermuda
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — VidantaWorld Mexico Open, Vallarta, Mexico
Nov. 5-8 — World Wide Technology Championship, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Nov. 12-15 — Good Good Championship, Austin, Texas
Nov. 19-22 — The RSM Classic, Sea Island, Ga.
Dec. 3-6 — Hero World Challenge, Nassau, Bahamas
Dec. 11-13 — Grant Thornton Invitational, Naples, Fla.

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	21	12	.636	—
Indiana	21	12	.636	—
Liberty	21	14	.600	1
Washington	19	14	.576	2
Chicago	12	22	.353	9½
Toronto	10	23	.303	11
Connecticut	8	24	.250	12½

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Minnesota	28	7	.800	—
Golden State	24	9	.727	3
Las Vegas	24	11	.686	4
Dallas	20	14	.588	7½
Portland	13	20	.394	14
Phoenix	13	22	.371	15
Los Angeles	12	21	.364	15
Seattle	7	28	.200	21

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday

Liberty 85, Los Angeles 81
Atlanta 104, Connecticut 69
Las Vegas 83, Washington 76

Friday

Dallas at Indiana, 7:30pm
Portland at Seattle, 10pm

Saturday

Liberty at Connecticut, 1pm
Los Angeles at Washington, 7:30pm
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 8pm

Sunday

Chicago at Seattle, 5pm
Indiana at Atlanta, 5pm
Portland at Phoenix, 7pm

Liberty 85, Sparks 81

Los Angeles

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Burrell	33:16	10-19	3-5	1-3	3	0	28
Ogwumike	30:38	4-11	2-3	3-11	4	4	10
Hamby	30:12	7-11	2-5	2-4	3	3	16
Atkins	28:12	1-5	0-0	2-4	2	5	3
Wheeler	28:44	3-8	0-0	0-4	5	3	6
Brink	19:10	4-6	0-0	1-7	2	3	9
Gray	12:10	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	0	6
Park	9:32	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3
Williams	8:06	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	32-68	7-13	9-36	21	20	81

Percentages: FG .471, FT .538. **3-point goals:** 10-30, .333 (Burrell 5-10, Gray 2-4, Park 1-2, Atkins 1-3, Brink 1-3, Ogwumike 0-2, Williams 0-2, Wheeler 0-4). **Team rebounds:** 6. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 5 (Brink 3, Atkins, Burrell). **Turnovers:** 14 (Burrell 4, Wheeler 4, Atkins 2, Brink 2, Ogwumike, Williams). **Steals:** 7 (Atkins 3, Brink, Burrell, Hamby, Ogwumike). **Technicals:** Atkins, 1:31 second; Ogwumike, 3:50 fourth.

Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Allen	25:41	5-10	0-0	0-1	1	3	13
Stewart	31:09	5-13	1-2	1-6	5	2	11
Jones	33:17	5-10	1-2	6-18	4	1	11
Astier	17:19	3-5	1-1	0-2	5	5	7
Ionescu	32:36	6-17	7-9	1-3	4	3	20
Johannes	21:59	3-8	2-2	1-2	1	1	10
Xu	15:34	3-8	2-2	2-4	0	1	9
Gardner	12:32	2-6	0-0	2-3	2	1	4
Fauthoux	9:54	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Totals	200:00	32-77	14-18	14-41	22	18	85

Percentages: FG .416, FT .778. **3-point goals:** 7-27, .259 (Allen 3-5, Johannes 2-5, Xu 1-2, Ionescu 1-9, Astier 0-1, Gardner 0-1, Jones 0-1, Stewart 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 8. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 1 (Jones). **Turnovers:** 11 (Ionescu 4, Astier 2, Fauthoux 2, Stewart 2, Jones). **Steals:** 12 (Allen 2, Astier 2, Ionescu 2, Johannes 2, Stewart 2, Gardner, Jones). **Technicals:** None.

Los Angeles	16	16	9	40	— 81
Liberty	21	28	18	18	— 85

A: 16,071 (17,732).

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	4	40	35	14
Inter Miami CF	11	2	5	38	45	32
New England	9	6	3	30	28	23
Chicago	9	6	2	29	32	23
NYCFC	7	6	5	26	31	24
Cincinnati	7	6	5	26	45	44
Charlotte FC	7	7	4	25	29	27
Red Bulls	7	7	4	25	29	39
D.C. United	5	5	8	23	26	29
Orlando City	6	10	2	20	30	47
Columbus	5	8	5	20	26	28
Toronto FC	3	7	8	17	24	32
Philadelphia	4	10	4	16	25	33
CF Montréal	4	10	4	16	24	35
Atlanta	3	12	3	12	19	33

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	4	34	38	17
Los Angeles FC	10	5	4	34	35	19
San Jose	10	5	3	33	37	24
Houston	10	6	2	32	27	24
Real Salt Lake	8	6	3	27	29	25
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	32	25
St Louis City	7	6	5	26	24	24
Portland	7	8	3	24	33	33
Seattle FC	7	7	3	24	20	22
Minn. United	6	6	6	24	20	25
Colorado	7	10	1	22	27	25
LA Galaxy	5	7	7	22	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	6	21	32	29
Austin FC	4	9	5	17	22	36
Sporting K.C.	4	12	2	14	18	46

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Saturday

Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7:30pm
D.C. United at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30pm
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
LA Galaxy at Houston, 8:30pm
Miami at Nashville, 8:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Colorado, 9:30pm
Minnesota at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
San Diego FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
St Louis City at San Jose, 10:30pm

Sunday

Philadelphia at **NYCFC**, 6pm
Portland at Chicago, 6pm
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

Wednesday, August 19

NYCFC at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Nashville at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
CF Montréal at Columbus, 7:30pm
New England at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
St Louis City at Sporting K.C., 8pm
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
FC Dallas at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
Austin FC at Seattle FC, 9:30pm
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
San Diego FC at Portland, 10:30pm
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30pm

Saturday, August 22

Chicago at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30pm
Seattle FC at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Toronto FC at Miami, 7:30pm
LA Galaxy at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Salt Lake at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Philadelphia at Austin FC, 8:30pm
Columbus at Nashville, 8:30pm
Houston at St Louis City, 8:30pm
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 9:30pm
Portland at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Colorado at San Diego FC, 10:30pm
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30pm

Sunday, August 23

NYCFC at New England, 4:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Atlanta, 7pm

Golf

PGA Tour- FedEx St. Jude Championship At TPC Southwind; Memphis, Tenn.; Purse: $20 million; Yardage: 7,288; Par: 70

First Round

Michael Kim	32-33	65	-5
Kurt Kitayama	33-32	65	-5
Jake Knapp	34-31	65	-5
Jordan Spieth	34-31	65	-5
Michael Thorbjornsen	34-31	65	-5
Bud Cauley	34-32	66	-4
Tommy Fleetwood	31-35	66	-4
Chris Gotterup	33-33	66	-4
Sungjae Im	33-33	66	-4
Hideki Matsuyama	36-30	66	-4
Adam Scott	34-32	66	-4
Gary Woodland	32-34	66	-4
Sam Burns	33-34	67	-3
Min Woo Lee	33-34	67	-3
Patrick Rodgers	34-33	67	-3
Xander Schauffele	33-34	67	-3
Nicolas Echavarria	34-34	68	-2
Harris English	32-36	68	-2
Rickie Fowler	34-34	68	-2
Viktor Hovland	32-36	68	-2
Maverick McNealy	34-34	68	-2
Scottie Scheffler	34-34	68	-2
Alex Smalley	34-34	68	-2
Sepp Straka	34-34	68	-2
Ludvig Åberg	34-34	68	-2
Jacob Bridgeman	35-34	69	-1
Patrick Cantlay	35-34	69	-1
Wyndham Clark	33-36	69	-1
Ryo Hisatsune	36-33	69	-1
Tom Kim	36-33	69	-1
Shane Lowry	33-36	69	-1
Keith Mitchell	35-34	69	-1
Sam Stevens	36-33	69	-1
Nick Taylor	35-34	69	-1
Sahith Theegala	34-35	69	-1
Cameron Young	35-34	69	-1
Matt Fitzpatrick	32-38	70	E
Ryan Gerard	33-37	70	E
Brian Harman	35-35	70	E
Si Woo Kim	34-36	70	E
Justin Thomas	34-36	70	E
Sudarshan Yellamaraju	34-36	70	E
Corey Conners	37-34	71	+1
Pierceson Coody	32-39	71	+1
Alex Fitzpatrick	35-36	71	+1
Russell Henley	38-33	71	+1
Jackson Koivun	36-35	71	+1
Collin Morikawa	36-35	71	+1
Alex Noren	36-35	71	+1
J.T. Poston	35-36	71	+1
Aldrich Potgieter	35-36	71	+1
Jordan L. Smith	34-37	71	+1
J.J. Spaun	35-36	71	+1
Akshay Bhatia	35-37	72	+2
Ricky Castillo	36-36	72	+2
Eric Cole	36-36	72	+2
Harry Hall	36-36	72	+2
Aaron Rai	35-37	72	+2
Kristoffer Reitan	35-37	72	+2
Michael Brennan	38-35	73	+3
Ryan Fox	34-39	73	+3
Ben Griffin	37-36	73	+3
Max Homa	34-39	73	+3
Nicolai Højgaard	34-39	73	+3
Matthew McCarty	38-35	73	+3
Justin Rose	38-35	73	+3
Matti Schmid	36-37	73	+3
Rory McIlroy	36-38	74	+4
Robert MacIntyre	43-39	82	+12

DP World Tour- Danish Golf Championship At Great Northern; Kerteminde; Purse: $2.8 million; Yardage: 7,314; Par: 72

First Round

Félix Mory,	31-34	65	-7
Lucas Bjerregaard,	35-31	66	-6
Brandon Stone,	35-31	66	-6
Filippo Celli	36-31	67	-5
Wenyi Ding,	33-34	67	-5
Francesco Laporta,	35-32	67	-5
Oliver Lindell,	34-33	67	-5
Freddy Schott,	33-34	67	-5
Jack Buchanan,	34-34	68	-4
Joe Dean, England	34-34	68	-4
Dylan Frittelli,	35-33	68	-4
David Horsey,	34-34	68	-4
Matthew Jordan,	35-33	68	-4
Michael Mjaaseth,	33-35	68	-4
Bubba Watson,	34-34	68	-4
Bernd Wiesberger,	33-35	68	-4
Angel Ayora Fanegas,	35-34	69	-3
Joshua Berry,	33-36	69	-3
Dan Bradbury,	34-35	69	-3
Todd Clements,	34-35	69	-3
Ewen Ferguson,	33-36	69	-3
Ricardo Gouveia,	36-33	69	-3
Yanhan Zhou	37-32	69	-3

LPGA Tour- The Standard Portland Classic At Columbia Edgewater Country Club; Portland, Ore.; Purse: $2 million; Yardage: 6,541; Par: 72

First Round

Mariel Galdiano	33-32	65	-7
Hye Jin Choi	34-32	66	-6
Olivia Cowan	35-31	66	-6
Grace Kim	34-32	66	-6
Maria Marin	31-35	66	-6
Bianca Pagdanganan	33-33	66	-6
Lauren Walsh	32-34	66	-6
Arpichaya Yubol	32-34	66	-6
Pajaree Anannarukarn	35-32	67	-5
Robyn Choi	36-31	67	-5
Manon De Roey	33-34	67	-5
Nataliya Guseva	35-32	67	-5
You Min Hwang	34-33	67	-5
Chizzy Iwai	33-34	67	-5

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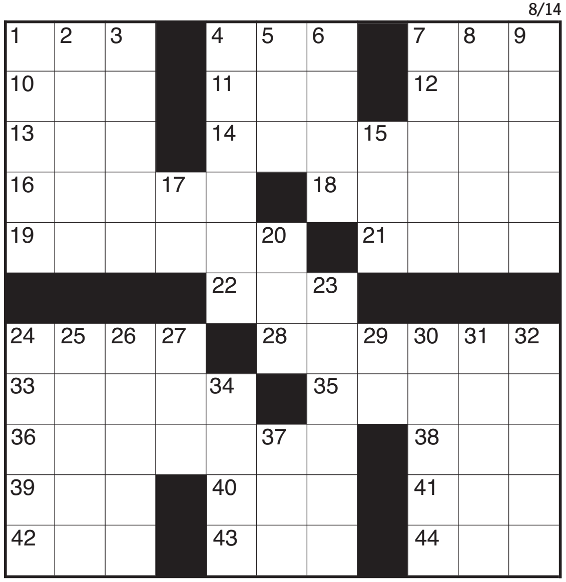

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44 West

DOWN
1 Yankees’ tribute to Sterling in 2026
2 Vandals
3 OF (2016-24) who broke in with the Yanks & played part of his final season with the Mets
4 Warmup game
5 Scott Brosius
6 2024 NL Cy Young winner
7 Met on IL in 2026
8 Legendary Spanish knight
9 Storm “Cy —–” Davis
15 Writing on MLB unis
17 Morning
20 OF Frelick
23 Met on IL in 2026
24 Edwin Díaz
25 Speak publicly
26 Beat
27 Crew member
29 Kevin on the course
30 Luke Weaver
31 He came to the Mets for Bobby Bonilla
32 Giants DB 2010-14
34 Fast pitch
37 1980s pro golf tour

SOLUTION IN SATURDAY’S POST

NFL Exhibition

Thursday

Cincinnati 16, Detroit 14
Pittsburgh 28, Green Bay 9
Indianapolis 13, New England 13
Arizona 27, Las Vegas 14
L.A. Chargers 27, Houston, 7
Tennessee 19, San Francisco 13

Friday

Tampa Bay at **Jets**, 7pm
Denver at Atlanta, 7pm
Miami at Washington, 7pm

Saturday

Minnesota at **Giants**, 1pm
Carolina at Buffalo, 1pm
Cleveland at Chicago, 1pm
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 4pm
L.A. Rams at Kansas City, 4pm
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 7pm
Dallas at Seattle, 8pm

Soccer

Leagues Cup
Necaxa 2, **NYCFC** 1
America 1, Austin FC 1 FT (Austin win 6-5 on penalties)
Santos 2, Philadelphia Union 0
Chicago Fire 2, Cruz Azul 1
Portland Timbers vs. Tijuana, (n)

UEFA Europa League Qualifying-2nd Leg
Rangers 1, Jagiellonia Bialystok 1 (Bialystok win 3-2 on aggregate)
Heart of Midlothian 1, Benfica 1 (Benfica win 7-2 on aggregate)
Besiktas 1, FC Hradec Kralove 0 (Besiktas win 2-0 on aggregate)
Omonia Nicosia 1, Lincoln Red Imps 0 (Omonia win 2-1 on aggregate)
RB Salzburg 3, Pafos 2 (RB win 4-3 on aggregate)
Anderlecht 3, PAOK 2 (Anderlecht win 4-2 on aggregate)

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	**12**	**3**	**4**	**40**	**24**	**12**
Washington	11	5	3	36	29	17
Utah Royals FC	10	6	3	33	32	21
San Diego	10	7	2	32	24	20
Portland	9	6	4	31	32	28
North Carolina	9	6	3	30	32	26
Kansas City	9	7	3	30	30	26
Angel City	7	7	3	24	26	19
Seattle	7	7	3	24	22	23
Denver Summit FC	6	7	5	23	24	24
Orlando	7	10	2	23	23	29
Boston Legacy FC	5	9	5	20	22	28
Houston	5	8	5	20	20	26
Bay FC	5	9	4	19	18	24
Louisville	5	11	2	17	24	35
Chicago	4	13	1	13	9	33

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday
Kansas City at **Gotham FC**, 8pm
Denver Summit FC at San Diego, 10pm
Chicago at Seattle, 10pm
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 10pm

Saturday
Boston Legacy FC at Louisville, 6:30pm
Orlando at Portland, 8:45pm

Sunday
Houston at North Carolina, 7pm
Washington at Angel City, 9pm

Wednesday
Seattle at Louisville, 6:30pm
Chicago at Houston, 8pm

Friday, August 21
Utah Royals FC at San Diego, 10pm

Saturday, August 22
Seattle at Kansas City, 6:30pm
Boston Legacy FC at North Carolina, 7:30pm
Denver Summit FC at Portland, 8:45pm

Sunday, August 23
Louisville at Chicago, 2pm
Orlando at Washington, 4pm
Houston at Bay FC, 6pm
Gotham FC at Angel City, 8pm

The POST Line

MLB
Friday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Yankees	$129-159	BLUE JAYS
METS	$105-129	Nationals
TIGERS	$130-154	White Sox
RAYS	OFF	Orioles
ASTROS	$108-133	Mariners
ANGELS	-108-108	Royals
ATHLETICS	OFF	Rangers
CUBS	$147-184	Cardinals
Marlins	-105-117	REDS
BRAVES	OFF	Diamondbacks
DODGERS	$149-185	Brewers
Rockies	$105-125	GIANTS
Red Sox	$115-140	PIRATES
GUARDIANS	$108-132	Padres

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
FEVER	7.5 (187.5)	Wings
STORM	2.5 (181.5)	Fire

NFL
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
JETS	6 (35.5)	Buccaneers
Dolphins	3.5 (36.5)	COMMANDERS
Broncos	4.5 (40.5)	FALCONS

Saturday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Vikings	2.5 (41.5)	**GIANTS**
BILLS	2.5 (39.5)	Panthers
Browns	3.5 (40.5)	BEARS
SAINTS	1.5 (35.5)	Jaguars
CHIEFS	2.5 (36.5)	La Rams
Eagles	3.5 (37.5)	RAVENS
SEAHAWKS	2.5 (39.5)	Cowboys

College Football
Saturday, Aug. 29

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
*Tcu	7.5 (47.5)	North Carolina
USC	38.5 (60.5)	San Jose State
VIRGINIA	5.5 (53.5)	Nc State
N. DAKOTA ST.	7 (47.5)	Jacksonville St.
E. MICHIGAN	8.5 (52.5)	Sacramento St.
STANFORD	5.5 (48.5)	Hawaii
FLORIDA ST.	31.5 (52.5)	New Mexico St.
UNLV	5.5 (57.5)	Memphis

*Dublin, Ireland

STITCHES

King Me: Padres push by Guards

Our picks ice cold, we turn to the red-hot Padres for relief. San Diego is at Cleveland this weekend. Michael King reigned, when he allowed one run over six solid innings to the Astros in his last start. The Guardians' Gavin Williams has not allowed a run in his last 12 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings at home, scattering just three hits. We will play $50 on King and the Padres.

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Have we bottomed out yet? The Fish stank. The Marlins, and what looked like a crowd of 223 in attendance, were thoroughly embarrassed by the Pirates. Final 13-1. Braxton Ashcraft pitched a complete game. Made one mistake: a homer in garbage time that delighted the 23 fans who remained. Rafael Flores Jr. launched a pair of two-run homers and had six RBIs on the day. Flores had a total of two — yes, two — RBIs when the game started. Our timing: impeccable. Down -681 captain-quints.

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WNBA

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Breanna Stewart

League champion

TEAM	ODDS
Lynx	+100
Aces	+480
Dream	+750
Valkyries	+950
Fever	11/1
Liberty	12/1
Wings	33/1
Mystics	60/1
Mercury	1000/1
Sky	1000/1
Tempo	1000/1
Sparks	1000/1
Fire	1000/1

To reach WNBA Finals

TEAM	ODDS
Lynx	-220
Aces	+135
Valkyries	+240
Dream	+310
Fever	+390
Liberty	+460
Wings	+900
Mystics	15/1
Sky	400/1
Sparks	400/1
Fire	400/1
Tempo	400/1
Mercury	400/1

Liberty vs. opponent in WNBA Finals

TEAM	ODDS
vs. Lynx	12/1
vs. Aces	25/1
vs. Dream	30/1
vs. Valkyries	40/1
vs. Fever	40/1
vs. Wings	70/1
vs. Mystics	100/1

TOP PLAY

Gang Geno the choice vs. Buc backup bunch

By DYLAN SVOBODA

The Jets will welcome the Buccaneers to MetLife Stadium on Friday night for their first preseason game of 2026.

With a new quarterback in tow and plenty of starting spots still to be determined, Jets head coach Aaron Glenn confirmed that "everybody's playing," including Geno Smith.

It wasn't pretty for Smith during the Jets' joint practice with Tampa Bay on Tuesday, during which he threw three interceptions, including a pick-6, but I'm hoping he got all the bad plays out of his system with this bet.

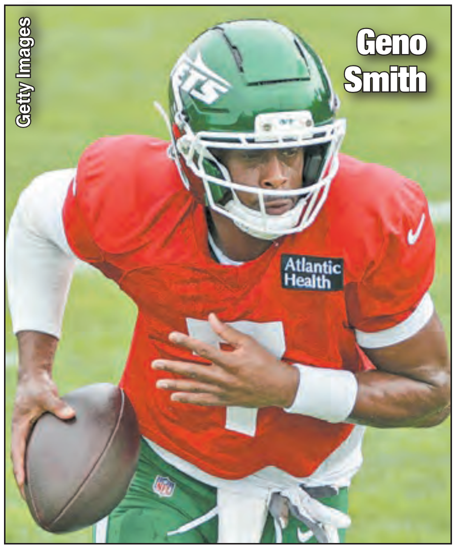
The Buccaneers aren't taking this game anywhere near as seriously.

Quarterback Baker Mayfield isn't expected to play, and his backup signal-caller, Jake Browning, went down with a strained back during the joint practice Tuesday, leaving his status in question as well.

That's a lot of Connor Bazelak and rookie Jalon Daniels if Browning can't go.

The Buccaneers' website stated that the game "will likely be contested by younger players and those battling for the last spots on the regular-season roster," giving the Jets a major talent advantage for at least part of the game.

The Jets should also have the more motivated roster throughout the night.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Geno Smith

With Glenn still evaluating several position battles, his team's backups have plenty to prove, while Tampa Bay appears more interested in evaluating depth than winning a meaningless August game.

As shaky as this roster looks, the Jets should be able to take care of the Bucs' 'B' and 'C' teams.

If not, it could be another ugly season for Gang Green.

THE PLAY: Jets -5.5 (-110, FanDuel).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'26 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Yankees	Cole (R)		6-5	3.35	7-7	0-0	0.00	9-2	3-0	18.2	1.45
Blue Jays	Bieber (R)	(7:15pm)	3-2	5.48	4-5	0-0	0.00	2-1	1-1	12.0	7.50
Nationals	Alvarez (L)		2-3	3.76	4-5	0-0	4.50	0-1	0-0	16.0	3.38
Mets	Stock (R)	(7:10pm)	0-2	10.12	0-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	8.0	10.12
Red Sox	Bennett (L)		7-5	3.17	7-6	—	—	0-0	1-2	17.1	5.19
Pirates	Chandler (R)	(6:40pm)	5-8	4.26	9-13	—	—	0-0	2-0	15.2	2.87
Padres	King (R)		7-8	3.37	10-14	—	—	2-0	1-1	17.0	4.24
Guardians	Williams (R)	(7:10pm)	11-6	3.55	14-10	—	—	0-1	1-1	18.1	1.96
White Sox	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tigers	Jobe (R)	(6:40pm)	1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	3.60	0-0	1-1	14.2	3.07
Orioles	Bradish (R)		7-11	3.68	11-12	0-1	2.38	2-4	0-2	13.2	5.27
Rays	Matz (L)	(7:10pm)	5-4	5.46	7-3	0-1	9.00	3-3	0-2	8.2	12.46
Mariners	Kirby (R)		8-9	3.68	11-11	2-0	2.13	6-1	0-1	16.0	4.50
Astros	Lambert (R)	(8:10pm)	8-6	3.09	12-8	0-1	3.86	0-2	0-1	15.2	3.45
Royals	Lugo (R)		5-7	4.41	11-13	0-0	9.95	2-0	1-1	17.0	4.76
Angels	Rodriguez (R)	(9:38pm)	3-5	7.20	3-9	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	16.0	3.94
Rangers	Rocker (R)		4-9	4.46	8-12	0-1	3.38	0-1	1-1	15.0	6.60
Athletics	TBD	(9:40pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cardinals	Liberatore (L)		5-9	5.15	13-10	1-2	3.86	2-3	0-2	14.2	4.91
Cubs	Holmes (R)	(2:20pm)	4-5	2.86	5-5	1-0	3.18	2-2	0-3	14.0	6.43
Marlins	Alcantara (R)		13-6	3.52	16-9	0-0	2.16	2-5	3-0	20.0	0.00
Reds	Burns (R)	(6:10pm)	13-2	2.61	16-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	16.1	3.86
D'backs	Pfaadt (R)		6-1	3.36	9-2	0-0	5.79	2-0	1-0	20.2	0.00
Braves	Sale (L)	(7:15pm)	12-7	2.20	13-8	0-0	0.00	4-1	2-1	18.0	3.00
Brewers	Gasser (L)		3-4	4.57	8-5	0-1	8.31	0-1	1-0	15.2	3.45
Dodgers	Yamamoto (R)	(10:10pm)	11-7	2.65	14-7	1-0	1.29	1-1	1-1	19.2	1.83
Rockies	Freeland (L)		3-10	6.63	8-13	0-1	6.00	8-10	1-1	18.2	3.38
Giants	Roupp (R)	(10:15pm)	7-11	4.22	7-16	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-3	13.2	6.59

* **REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY Aug. 14	SAT Aug. 15	SUN Aug. 16	MON Aug. 17	TUE Aug. 18
	Toronto 7:15 Apple TV 660 AM 101.9 FM	Toronto 3:07 YES 660 AM	Toronto 1:37 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	Baltimore 6:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Washington 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Washington 4:10 SNY FS1 880 AM	Washington 1:40 SNY 880 AM	San Diego 7:10 SNY 880 AM	San Diego 7:10 SNY 880 AM
	NO GAME	Connecticut 1:00 Fox 5	NO GAME	NO GAME	Chicago 9:00 ESPN

Saturday		Today	
	Preseason: Minnesota 1:00 WNBC 4 101.9 FM		Preseason: Tampa Bay 7:00 WCBS 2 104.3 FM

Saturday		Sunday		Today	
	Atlanta United 7:30 Apple TV		Phila. Union 6:00 Apple TV		KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

	MLB BASEBALL	
2 p.m.	Cardinals at Cubs	Apple TV
6:30 p.m.	Red Sox at Pirates	MLBN
7:10 p.m.	Nationals at Mets	PIX11, 880 AM
7:15 p.m.	Yankees at Blue Jays	Apple TV, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
9:30 p.m.	Royals at Angels	MLBN
	NFL FOOTBALL	
7 p.m.	Preseason: Buccaneers at Jets	WCBS 2, 104.3 FM
	NWSL WOMEN'S SOCCER	
8 p.m.	Kansas City Current at Gotham FC	Prime Video
	WNBA BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m.	Wings at Fever	ION
10 p.m.	Portland Fire at Storm	ION
	MEN'S SOCCER	
3 p.m.	EFL Championship: Blackburn Rovers at Wolverhampton	CBSSN
	GOLF	
7 a.m.	DP World Tour: Danish Golf Championship, 2nd Round	Golf
9 a.m.	PGA Tour: FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2nd Round	ESPN
2 p.m.	PGA Tour: FedEx St. Jude Championship, 2nd Round	Golf
3 p.m.	USGA: 2026 U.S. Amateur, Quarterfinals	NBCSN
6 p.m.	LPGA Tour: The Standard Portland Classic, 2nd Round	Golf
10 p.m.	PGA Tour Champions: Boeing Classic, 1st Round	Golf
	TENNIS	
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Cincinnati, 1st Round	Tennis
	WOMEN'S SOFTBALL	
8 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited All-Star Cup	CBSSN
	LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES REGIONALS	
1 p.m.	Midwest Championship: Davenport, IA vs. Whitefish Bay, Wisc.	ESPN
3 p.m.	Mid-Atlantic Championship: West Chester, Pa. vs. Wilmington, Del.	ESPN
5 p.m.	Mountain Championship: Billings, Mont./Alpine, Ut. vs. Henderson, Nev.	ESPN
7 p.m.	Metro Championship: Darien, Conn. Vs. Bayonne, N.J.	ESPN
9 p.m.	West Championship: Kappa, HI vs. Bonita, Calif.	ESPN
	AUTO RACING	
1 p.m.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Black's Tire 250, Practice	FS2
2:05 p.m.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Black's Tire 250, Qualifying	FS2
3 p.m	NTT IndyCar Series: OnlyBulls Grand Prix of Portland, Practice	FS2
3:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out 400, Practice	truTV
4:40 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out 400, Qualifying	truTV
7:30 p.m.	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Black's Tire 250	FS1
	HORSE RACING	
4:30 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
4:30 p.m.	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
9 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
	AFL FOOTBALL	
1:30 a.m. (Sat.)	Geelong at North Melbourne	FS2
5:30 a.m. (Sat.)	Collingwood at Hawthorn	FS2

ODDS & ENDS

NFL
Friday
Buccaneers at Jets odds and props

FULL-GAME MONEYLINE	ODDS
Buccaneers	+215
Jets	-265
TEAM TO SCORE FIRST TOUCHDOWN	**ODDS**
Jets	-190
Buccaneers	+160
No touchdown	25/1
JETS TEAM TOTAL	**ODDS**
Over 20.5	-110
Under 20.5	-115
BUCCANEERS TEAM TOTAL	**ODDS**
Over 14.5	-105
Under 14.5	-120
WINNING MARGIN	**ODDS**
Jets by 1-6	+350
Jets by 7-12	+400
Jets by 13-18	+550
Jets by 19-24	+850
Jets by 25-30	15/1
Jets by 31-36	30/1
Jets by 37-42	55/1
Jets by 43+	80/1
Buccaneers by 1-6	+550
Buccaneers by 7-12	10/1
Buccaneers by 13-18	18/1
Buccaneers by 19-24	35/1
Buccaneers by 25-30	65/1
Buccaneers by 31-36	80/1
Buccaneers by 37-42	90/1
Buccaneers by 43+	100/1
RACE TO 20 POINTS	**ODDS**
Jets	-115
Neither	+204
Buccaneers	+399
RACE TO 30 POINTS	**ODDS**
Neither	-412
Jets	+404
Buccaneers	+1580

Jets 2026 season stage of elimination

RESULT	ODDS
Miss playoffs	-1000
Lose in wild card round	+650
Lose in divisional round	22/1
Lose AFC Championship	50/1
Lose Super Bowl	125/1
Win Super Bowl	250/1

Jets award props

RESULT	ODDS
Geno Smith MVP	200/1
Will McDonald Defensive POY	125/1
Breece Hall Offensive POY	100/1
Garrett Wilson Offensive POY	125/1
Omar Cooper Jr. Offensive ROY	45/1
Kenyon Sadiq Offensive ROY	55/1
David Bailey Defensive ROY	+500
Aaron Glenn COY	25/1

BET SMART

Grab big & bigger plus money at 330

By ERICH RICHTER

Live from Philadelphia, it's an excellent fight card for UFC 330. Two title fights should be plenty interesting to top the marquee Saturday with a 12-fight card to dive into.

As the UFC books fights with finishes in mind, we're again projecting the majority of fights to end inside the distance.

Nine of the 12 fights are expected to end by KO/TKO or submission, although the main event and co-main event are two of the fights expected to go the distance.

The entire card begins at 5 p.m. on Paramount+ followed by the main card at 9 p.m.

Islam Makhachev vs. Ian Machado Garry

Machado Garry is a talented fighter and should have a size advantage when he steps into the octagon with Makhachev, a former lightweight champion.

While the Irishman is undoubtedly talented, he's a bit of an enigma as well. He constantly prefers to play things safe rather than take chances and go for it.

Against Shavkat Rakhmonov, we watched Machado Garry drop the first two rounds, win the third round, and then bizarrely accept bottom position for the entire fourth round.

That lack of fight awareness is very troubling, though I think the talent is undeniably there.

Machado Garry is a strong counter puncher with good takedown defense and will not be a fish out of water when he is inevitably taken down by Makhachev,

As a big +290 underdog, you could do worse than wager on Machado Garry because you know the skills are there and, in theory, he will be the bigger man.

Machado Garry does this strange body triangle from the bottom position when he gets taken down, which stops his opponents' movements but also forces him to lose minutes and rounds. If he does this against Makhachev, he will probably lose by decision, though the rest of his skills are good enough to win.

I do not expect Machado Garry to be submitted by Makhachev under any circumstances but could see his usual lack of urgency to do anything of significance as a major factor in him losing minutes at a high clip. Still, the odds are too far off for me.

I am targeting Machado Garry to win on the moneyline, with some value on knockout at 11/1.

Remember, Makhachev was knocked down by Alexander Volkanovski, the 145-pound champion, and Machado Garry is massive for the 170-pound division.

Prediction: Ian Machado Garry moneyline (+290, theScore Bet).

Mackenzie Dern vs. Gillian Robertson

Long one of my favorite female UFC fighters, Robertson gets her long-awaited championship opportunity. She really has improved across the board both in her grappling and striking, proving as much with her dominant TKO win over Marina Rodriguez last year.

But Rodriguez is a terrible grappler, while Dern is perhaps the best submission artist we've seen in the division's history.

Still, I think Robertson is being undervalued here for her activity, strength and fearlessness when it comes to inflicting damage on her opponent.

For that reason, I am targeting Robertson to win, and I think she does so by KO/TKO via ground and pound.

Prediction: Robertson wins by KO/TKO (14/1, FanDuel).

Rest of the card

Jalin Turner vs. Kaue Fernandes: Turner by decision (+650, BetRivers).

Mansur Abdul-Malik vs. Dustin Stoltzfus: Abdul-Malik by KO/TKO in round one (+200, BetMGM).

Edson Barboza vs. Esteban Ribovics: Ribovics to win and the fight starts Round 2 (-120 or better).

Chidi Njokuani vs. Joel Alvarez: Alvarez by submission (+195, FanDuel).

Charles Johnson vs. Eduardo Chapolin: Fight goes the distance (-176, FanDuel).

Donte Johnson vs. Eric McConico: Johnson by KO/TKO (+128, BetRivers).

Vicente Luque vs. Tresean Gore: Gore by KO/TKO (+380, BetRivers).

Rafael Tobias vs. Lucas Fernando: Pass.

Neil Magny vs. Ramiz Brahimaj: Fight goes the distance (+173, Kalshi).

Jeremiah Wells vs. Myktybek Orolbai: Orolbai by submission (+245, Bet-Rivers).

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Ian Machado Garry

2026-27 Knicks schedule

Home games in caps
Bold games part of in-season tournament; Dec. 3-11 TBD

OCTOBER		
20	PHILADELPHIA	7:00
23	at Boston	7:00
25	ORLANDO	7:00
27	DETROIT	8:00
28	at Chicago	8:00
30	**at Philadelphia**	**7:30**
NOVEMBER		
2	BROOKLYN	7:30
4	CHICAGO	7:30
7	at Cleveland	8:00
10	MILWAUKEE	7:30
11	CLEVELAND	7:00
13	**at Indiana**	**7:00**
15	at Toronto	6:00
17	at Toronto	7:30
19	at Minnesota	8:00
21	PORTLAND	7:30
22	INDIANA	8:00
25	**CLEVELAND**	**7:30**
27	**MIAMI**	**7:00**
29	ATLANTA	6:00
DECEMBER		
1	at Chicago	8:00
2	at Milwaukee	8:00
12	at Miami	8:30
14	at Houston	8:30
16	at New Orleans	8:00
18	at Washington	7:00
21	at Cleveland	7:00
23	UTAH	7:30
25	SAN ANTONIO	Noon
27	BROOKLYN	6:00
30	at Utah	9:00
31	at Phoenix	9:00
JANUARY		
2	at Denver	5:00
4	at Portland	10:00
6	at Golden State	10:00
8	at Sacramento	10:00
11	DENVER	7:30
13	at Boston	7:00
14	MIAMI	7:30
16	DALLAS	7:30
18	MINNESOTA	5:00
20	TORONTO	7:30
22	at Atlanta	7:00
24	LA CLIPPERS	7:00
26	PHOENIX	7:30
28	ATLANTA	7:00
30	LA LAKERS	8:30
FEBRUARY		
1	at Brooklyn	7:30
3	at Detroit	7:00
4	TORONTO	7:30
7	at Oklahoma City	9:30
9	CHARLOTTE	7:30
11	at Philadelphia	7:00
13	GOLDEN STATE	8:30
15	at Memphis	8:00
17	at Detroit	7:00
25	OKLAHOMA CITY	7:30
27	PHILADLPHIA	8:30
28	MILWAUKEE	7:30
MARCH		
2	MEMPHIS	7:30
4	at Dallas	9:30
7	at San Antonio	7:30
10	at LA Clippers	10:30
11	at LA Lakers	10:00
14	BOSTON	Noon
16	at Washington	7:00
17	SACRAMENTO	7:30
20	WASHINGTON	1:00
23	NEW ORLEANS	7:30
24	HOUSTON	7:30
26	at Charlotte	7:00
28	at Orlando	12:30
30	at Orlando	8:00
APRIL		
1	CHARLOTTE	7:30
2	at Brooklyn	7:30
4	BOSTON	7:30
6	at Atlanta	8:00
8	at Milwaukee	8:00
9	DETROIT	7:00
11	INDIANA	6:00

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Knicks: Schedule filled with national TV, marquee events

By JARED SCHWARTZ

Back to 0-0.

Now that the Knicks' entire schedule has been released, it's time to flip the page and fully look ahead to the season.

Here are five takeaways that stand out:

● The Knicks have 34 nationally televised games — tied with the 76ers, Lakers and Spurs for most in the NBA. It is also the maximum amount that is allowed.

Not surprisingly, all four of the Knicks' matchups with LeBron James and the 76ers are on national television — it will be a rivalry that the league wants to push to the forefront.

They are also featured in all of the marquee slots. They host the 76ers at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 20 as part of the league's Opening Night Tip-off, which will serve as their banner/ring night. They host the Spurs at MSG on Christmas Day — the first time the teams will play since the NBA Finals. They play the 76ers in Philadelphia on Oct. 30 for the league's first NBA Cup group stage game.

● They will have to wait a long time to welcome Mitchell Robinson back to MSG. The first two matchups between the Knicks and Celtics — on Oct. 23 and Jan. 13 — are in Boston. It isn't until March 14 when they play in New York. The only caveat is if the Knicks end up hosting the Celtics in an NBA Cup knockout round game.

Nets: Tough opening for

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ALL 82? Michael Porter Jr. and the Nets learned their schedule for the 2026-27 season, but it's unclear whether Porter will be in Brooklyn for the whole season.

By JARED SCHWARTZ

The Nets spent the last two years trying to pick out as many losses on their schedule as they could find in a (failed) attempt to get as high a draft pick as possible.

This season has the potential to be a bit better, though it is more likely that plenty more losses are on the way.

Now that their full schedule has been released, let's take a look at five takeaways:

● It gets off to a grueling start. They will play their first 10 games across 19 days, including three back-to-backs. And six of those 10 games are on the road. Of the 10 games, seven are against teams that were in the playoffs or play-in last year.

In total, the Nets have 16 back-to-backs — the maximum number allowed. The Pelicans were the only other team given 16 of them.

In terms of schedule congestion, the Nets got no favors from the league.

● The Nets' first game after the trade deadline is Feb. 12 against the Wizards in Washington. As The Post's Brian Lewis wrote recently, it is more likely that the Nets are sellers than buyers this year given their continued status as a rebuilding team comprised mostly of second-year players and rookies.

So that date is notable for their two top veterans, Michael Porter Jr. and Julius Randle. Will they still be on the roster for that game? Or will they have been traded away? That date could be when the Nets fully embrace another year of tanking.

● They face the Knicks at Madison Square

THRILLS

WE MEET AGAIN: Mikal Bridges and the Knicks open the season with Joel Embiid and the Sixers — one of 34 g\ames on national TV for Karl Anthony-Towns (left) and Co. Jason Szenes; Getty Images

- Another notable return to MSG will come Nov. 22 when Knicks villain Tyrese Haliburton — who missed all of last season due to a torn Achilles — plays his first game at the Mecca since he and the Pacers eliminated the Knicks in the 2025 Eastern Conference final.

The Knicks also get their first look at Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Heat on Nov. 27 at MSG.

- In terms of schedule congestion, the Knicks have 13 back-to-backs, which is one fewer than last year. The maximum number a team is allowed is 16.

Like last year, the month of December has the potential to be incredibly draining with tons of travel. They have nine of their 12 confirmed games on the road, with the potential for more depending on how they fare in the NBA Cup. Including the NBA Cup semis and final in Las Vegas last year, the Knicks played nine games away from home in December — and it wasn't a coincidence that by far their worst stretch of the season, during which they lost 9 of 11 games, came soon after.

The end of the month into the start of January includes a six-game road trip on the West Coast, with games against Utah, Phoenix, Denver, Portland, Golden State and Sacramento. It will be their longest road trip of the season unless they add road games in the NBA Cup in the beginning of December.

- An interesting nugget is that the Knicks on two occasions have consecutive road games against the same opponent. They play the Raptors in Toronto on Nov. 15 and 17 and play the Magic in Orlando on March 28 and 30.

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team done with tanking

Garden on Nov. 2. It will be the first time Randle plays his old team — and new in-city rival — as a Net.

Randle spent five seasons with the Knicks, during which he helped the team climb out of bottom-feeder status into relevancy — in 2020-21, he led the team to its first playoff berth since 2012-13. The end of his Knicks tenure was a bit contentious, however, and he was sent to the Timberwolves as part of the deal that brought in Karl-Anthony Towns.

And on Nov. 23, the Nets play the Timberwolves in Minnesota — the first time Randle plays his old team since that trade this offseason.

- The Nets sent Nic Claxton to the Bulls as part of the three-team trade in which they acquired Randle. The Nets host the Bulls at Barclays Center on Nov. 18 — the first time Claxton, who spent his first seven years in the league with the Nets, returns to his old stomping grounds.

- There is a potential soft landing spot where the young Nets could find their footing and actually make their season interesting — a six-game homestand in December. They face lottery teams from last year in the Mavericks, Wizards and Pelicans and two teams that didn't make it past the first round of the playoffs in the Magic and Blazers. The other comes against the Spurs.

They have another six-game homestand in January, though five of those games come against playoff teams from last year.

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2026-27 Nets schedule

Home games in caps
Bold games part of in-season tournament; Dec. 3-11 TBD

	OCTOBER	
21	CHARLOTTE	7:30
24	at Cleveland	7:30
25	INDIANA	6:00
27	at Boston	7:30
30	**DETROIT**	**7:30**
	NOVEMBER	
1	at Indiana	5:00
2	at New York	7:30
4	CHARLOTTE	7:30
7	at Atlanta	7:30
8	at Dallas	7:30
11	at New Orleans	8:00
14	at Memphis	8:00
16	PHILADELPHIA	7:30
18	CHICAGO	7:30
20	**ORLANDO**	**7:30**
23	at Minnesota	7:30
25	**at Milwaukee**	**8:00**
27	**at Toronto**	**7:30**
28	at Charlotte	6:00
30	OKLAHOMA CITY	7:30
	DECEMBER	
2	at Oklahoma City	8:00
13	BOSTON	3:00
14	at Detroit	7:00
16	DALLAS	7:30
18	ORLANDO	7:30
20	WASHINGTON	3:00
21	PORTLAND	7:30
23	SAN ANTONIO	7:30
26	NEW ORLEANS	6:00
27	at New York	6:00
29	at Portland	10:00
31	at Sacramento	6:00
	JANUARY	
2	at Golden State	8:30
4	at Utah	9:00
6	UTAH	7:30
7	MIAMI	7:30
9	HOUSTON	6:00
11	at Indiana	7:00
12	at Miami	7:30
14	at Philadelphia	7:00
16	at Boston	7:00
20	CHICAGO	7:00
21	CLEVELAND	7:30
23	TORONTO	6:00
25	MIAMI	7:30
27	PHOENIX	7:30
29	LA CLIPPERS	7:30
31	at Orlando	6:00
	FEBRUARY	
1	NEW YORK	7:30
4	LA LAKERS	7:30
6	WASHINGTON	6:00
8	at Philadelphia	7:00
9	MINNESOTA	7:30
12	at Washington	7:00
14	at Miami	1:00
17	ATLANTA	7:30
25	PHILADELPHIA	7:30
27	at Chicago	8:00
	MARCH	
1	at Denver	9:00
3	at Phoenix	9:00
4	at LA Clippers	10:30
7	at LA Lakers	10:30
9	MILWAUKEE	7:30
11	at Atlanta	8:00
13	at Detroit	3:00
15	INDIANA	7:30
17	at Houston	8:30
18	at San Antonio	8:00
21	SACRAMENTO	3:00
23	BOSTON	7:30
25	DENVER	7:30
28	MEMPHIS	3:00
29	GOLDEN STATE	7:30
31	CLEVELAND	7:30
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4	at Milwaukee	2:00
5	at Cleveland	7:00
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11	TORONTO	6:00

'SVU' star teases Jalen guest spot

By BRIDGE REILLY

Get ready for "Law & Order: MVP."

During an appearance on the "Today" show Thursday, "Law & Order: SVU" star and Knicks fan Mariska Hargitay revealed we could see the NBA Finals MVP on screen soon.

"Don't tell anyone, but see him on 'SVU,' " she whispered to Savannah Guthrie on Thursday. "Don't tell anyone, but we got some things in the works."

Guthrie knew quickly in her gut it must be true because Hargitay admitted she tells the host "a lot of secrets."

"I like that! Well, you tell me then, it all comes true," Guthrie said.

Following the Knicks' first NBA championship since 1973, Brunson revealed his offseason plan involved getting on "Law & Order: SVU" alongside Hargitay.

The Knicks star even got approval from "Law & Order" colleague Christopher Meloni, who said he was "absolutely" in support.

"I don't know if you've heard, but he's a world champion, he can do whatever the hell he wants," Meloni said.

Brunson and Hargitay have formed a strong friendship over the years. Hargitay, 62, is a big Knicks fan and holds courtside seats at Madison Square Garden.

She was along for the crazy championship ride, sharing an emotional moment with Brunson following Game 4 of the NBA Finals when the Knicks came back from a 29-point deficit.

The two hugged on the court and Hargitay said, "I love you so much; I'm so happy!"

Prior to that, she sprinted onto the court to embrace Brunson's father, Rick Brunson, who is an assistant under head coach Mike Brown and was a member of the '99 Knicks squad that reached the Finals.

Hargitay was also on Brunson's float for the championship parade in lower Manhattan along with her son, August.

Brunson later returned the favor and supported Hargitay at her solo Broadway show "Every Brilliant Thing" in June.

He, along with his wife Ali, visited Hargitay backstage after the show and her husband, Peter Hermann, was also there for the meet-up.

It's a special bond that even longtime Knicks fan and actor Ben Stiller envies.

"The love that Mariska Hargitay gets from you postgame is the envy of every other Knicks fan, Knicks celebrity fan. She gets a hug after a loss," Stiller said on Brunson's "Roommates" podcast with Josh Hart.

On a previous "Today" appearance, Hargitay admitted Brunson is her "inspiration."

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STAR TURN: Jalen Brunson, who has developed a close bond with Mariska Hargitay (center), seems ready to appear on an episode of "Law & Order: SVU."

Quintet of NCAA athletes using lifeguard duty in Oyster Bay to prep for college seasons

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BEACH BEAT: Tyler Byrnes keeps an eye on swimmers at Oyster Bay's Tobay Beach. Byrnes (below, far right) is a town lifeguard along with fellow college athletes (below, from left) Patrick Radomski, Cassidy Morrow, Allison Priestley and Charlotte McKelvey. Heather Khalifa (2)

By ALEX MITCHELL

They're on the other side of the whistle now.

Thousands of Long Island swimmers owe their safety in the water to a group of top-tier college athletes who double as lifeguards while home for the summer — and the important aquatic gig is making them better at their sports.

"Communication and a team base — you work together, and if there's a save, everyone's going together," Siena lacrosse attacker Patrick Radomski told The Post.

"Each person has a job, just like playing a sport. Everyone works together, and we all want the same thing."

Radomski works at pools across the Town of Oyster Bay with fellow star-caliber talent in UConn cheerleader Charlotte McKelvey, SUNY Oswego swimmer Allison Priestley, soon-to-be UMass freshman lacrosse player Tyler Byrnes and Cassidy Morrow of the Siena women's lax team.

"Learning how to perform under pressure is a big part of it," Morrow said.

"At school, we practice every day for hours just to prepare for a game. It's the same thing here when we practice our drills, CPR and are getting ready to potentially save someone's life," added the sophomore attacker.

To the rescue

Priestley has already had a hero moment she'll never forget while working at a Plainview pool.

A little boy errantly jumped off a diving board and suddenly started struggling with water up his nose.

"I jumped off the stand, dove in and got him to the side," she recalled of the "nerve-racking" moment. "It was unexpected. It was scary, but he was OK."

The Farmingdale-born swimmer was also relieved to know her colleagues were at the ready to support her in the crucial moment, which McKelvey said helps everyone in high-intensity situations.

"It's very much a family environment. Everyone's friends; we don't really get sick of each other. We actually hang out after work and stuff," she added while at the town's crown jewel of Tobay Beach, a popular spot for lifeguards on and off duty.

"I feel like even though our job is serious, we do find ways to make it fun and enjoy everybody's company."

Diving in headfirst

The fantastic five also use their summer jobs to stay in top training shape for when they return to campus in the fall.

"It keeps you in shape with swimming and everything," attacker Byrnes said. "I try to swim at least three times a week."

Meanwhile, Morrow makes sure to get plenty of reps in the water daily.

"Thirty-two laps is about half a mile, so I try to do that once a day just to get some extra endurance," she said.

McKelvey also credits her grueling daily laps to "a lot of endurance" that translates well on the sidelines and baselines at UConn, like when she cheered at the Women's Final Four.

That and fighting through some sweltering temperatures — especially the July heatwave that brought temperatures above 100 degrees for days on the island.

"For football, we're outside for four or five hours cheering and jumping around and stunting and tumbling in the heat," the junior said.

"It definitely gets you ready for that," added McKelvey, who, like her peers, often misses Long Island shores while back on campus.

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Cup, cup and away

Lord Stanley's hardware is headed to the island.

Hurricanes goalie **Brandon Bussi** has incredibly sentimental plans for his day with the Stanley Cup on Wednesday, as the first Suffolk County native ever to win the prestigious trophy is bringing it to where it all began for him as a little boy — The Rinx ice arena in Hauppauge.

"The Rinx is the first place I ever put my goalie gear on," Bussi told The Post.

"I was on the ice for a clinic. I wish I could tell you what day of the week it was."

The 27-year-old who first made the NHL in October — and wowed the hockey world with a title-clinching, 3-0 shutout against the Golden Knights in Game 6 of the final — will have the Cup on public display from 10:15-11:45 a.m.

He's also being recognized as the inaugural Suffolk sports person of the year by the county's sports hall of fame at the rink.

"It'll be cool for me to see the next generation of hockey players because winning the Stanley Cup is their dream too," Bussi said.

Bussi, a Sound Beach native, also has special plans for the Cup in the evening.

He will honor the first-ever Long Islander to hoist it, defenseman **Rob Scuderi** of Syosset in Nassau County, by bringing the Stanley Cup to Bracco's on the Nautical Mile in Freeport — where Scuderi celebrated after winning with the Penguins in 2009 and the Kings in 2014.

"I thought that was a cool little way of tying the whole day together," Bussi said, "having the opportunity to bring it back there."

The retired stay-at-home defenseman was overwhelmed by the gesture of tribute.

"It was incredibly generous to him to think of me at a time when really it's easy to be a little bit selfish ... that shows a lot from him," Scuderi said.

Scuderi, now an assistant with the Predators, originally chose the waterside watering hole in 2009 because the stretch of restaurants and bars along the mile held a special place in his heart as he was raised on the island.

"I think it's very important to share that cup with the community that you grew up in," added Scuderi.

Bussi and the Cup will be at the seafood lover's paradise from 6-9 p.m. — and the champ is ready to party before the preseason.

Neal making stand, could remain as Big Blue backup

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

There could be room for Evan Neal on the Giants after all.

If the 53-man roster is going to include 10 offensive linemen, then the 6-foot-7, 340-pound Neal could steal one of the five backup jobs now that he is listed as a co-second-teamer with Aaron Stinnie at right guard. After the five starters, the leading backups appear to be tackles J.C. Davis and Marcus Mbow, guard Daniel Faalele, center Lucas Patrick and … Neal, Stinnie, Joshua Ezeudu or Bryan Hudson.

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"I've seen great growth from Evan in his ability to take coaching and his ability to try to understand not just how things look on paper but what certain alignments mean to him," first-year offensive line coach Mike Bloomgren said. "I think he is seeing more in his stance, and he's playing with more confidence. Listening to other people in the building, they feel like he's taken some good steps. We'll see what he's able to do in these [preseason] games."

Neal was the No. 7 pick in the 2022 draft who flopped at right tackle and didn't play a snap last season after moving to right guard. He stunningly re-signed with the Giants for no guaranteed money as a free agent rather than looking for a fresh start.

'SEEN GREAT GROWTH': Perhaps a regime change was what Evan Neal (73) needed, as first-year offensive line coach Mike Bloomgren said people in the Giants building feel the former right tackle has "taken some good steps" during training camp. Corey Sipkin

➤ CB **Terrion Arnold**, who visited the Giants facility Wednesday, is signing with the Seahawks despite no legal resolution to his kidnapping and armed robbery charges.

The Giants were open to signing Arnold, who was released by the Lions after the arrest, but contract discussions never advanced in a meaningful way because they had a clear understanding that the 2024 first-round pick preferred to land with the Super Bowl champions because of a direct path to the field and family ties in the Seattle area.

➤ Head coach **John Harbaugh** wouldn't reveal if the starters will play Saturday against the Vikings. But it sounds like he wants QB **Jaxson Dart** to get his feet wet.

"We've got a young quarterback who's just in his second year, who didn't play a whole season even last year," Harbaugh said. "So, he's just getting started. And we're going to be playing two of the best teams in our conference [Cowboys and Rams] right out of the gates. And so, we'd like to be ready for that."

➤ WR **Jalin Hyatt** (leg) and C **John Michael Schmitz** (concussion) did not practice and Hyatt was ruled out for the game by Harbaugh.

CBs **Greg Newsome II** and **Dru Phillips**, WR **JuJu Smith-Schuster** and Patrick — all of whom are dealing with knee injuries — were limited participants.

CB **Paulson Adebo** (hamstring) worked to the side and is a "game-time decision."

➤ With all the injuries at cornerback, the Giants needed healthy reinforcements, so they added **Sam Webb** and **Ugochukwu Amadi** while releasing DB **David Long** and DB **D.J. James** (waived/injured) before Thursday's practice.

➤ For the alternate jersey enthusiasts, Harbaugh joked that WR **Malik Nabers** is "lobbying for the red jersey of the future, but that wasn't the reason" that he wore red in practice. It was a noncontact reminder.

The Giants coaching staff been wearing more dark/navy blue and red apparel, but that is not a Harbaugh-driven agenda.

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♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)

Ignore those who say you are expecting too much of yourself and really go for it today and over the weekend. Cosmic activity in and around your sign promises you are on the right track, so keep going and don't slow down for any reason.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

It's good to listen to advice but sometimes the best advice comes from within and what your inner voice tells you over the next 24 hours will provide the answer you've been looking for to a personal problem. It could also be pure gold financially.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

If you push yourself too hard today you could strain yourself physically and have to sit out the fun and games over the weekend. Ignore what others say you should be doing and embrace the "lazy Libra" tag - which is actually far from true.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The message of the stars today is that you must check the small print carefully before signing up to something that will require a lot of commitment and no small amount of money. You may actually be better off giving it a miss.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Jupiter in the most adventurous area of your chart will have you making plans for the weekend that could take you far away. That's great, but make sure those plans include a clear path to getting home again if things don't work out as expected.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You can see where a loved one has been going wrong but they are still blind to the realities of the situation. So they will have to learn from their own mistakes, while all you can do is be ready to help pick up the pieces.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You are no stranger to making sacrifices but it annoys you when people think you will make sacrifices for them every time they get into trouble. Let a friend or workmate know that from now on your assistance is going to be conditional.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Mars in the most dynamic area of your chart will make you a bit pushy today and over the weekend and that's a good thing. Too often in life you let other people call the shots that you should be making, and that needs to change.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)

Your viewpoint about something you were previously so sure of will change dramatically over the next few days. You may not be the sort to admit that you got it wrong but on this occasion it's unlikely you will have much choice.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)

A dream may still seem far away from coming true but don't give up on it yet. What happens over the next few days will help you see what adjustments need to be made to take you closer to that ultimate goal. You'll get there soon.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)

Now that Mars has left your sign it will pay you to be a little less assertive in the way you deal with other people. You can still be Number One but be smart and look for ways to reach decisions together rather than just issue orders.

♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)

Try to avoid rushing into a situation that is clearly quite complicated. The more time you spend thinking about what you are going to do the more effective your actions will be when you finally make a move. There's no rush, you're not on the clock.

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

There will be an urgency to what you do over the coming year and that's good because time will pass more quickly than usual and if you hesitate to act you may not get a second opportunity. If it feels right then go for it with 100 percent effort.

DAMAGE CONTROL

Liberty dodge historic collapse, survive Sparks' furious comeback

By MADELINE KENNEY

Heather Khalifa

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT: Sabrina Ionescu is fouled by the Sparks' Ariel Atkins in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter as the Liberty narrowly avoided Los Angeles matching the biggest comeback victory in WNBA history (28 points) on Thursday night at Barclays Center.

The Liberty narrowly avoided what would've been a historic collapse Thursday night, beating the Sparks 85-81 at Barclays Center.

The home team had built a 28-point advantage (69-41 lead) with 9:48 left in the fourth quarter and was sitting pretty.

Until they weren't.

The Sparks stormed all the way back, scoring 21 unanswered points to make it a seven-point game. Los Angeles got within one with 21.7 seconds left, but the Liberty held on to prevent their opponents from matching the biggest comeback in WNBA history.

The Liberty managed to survive what Chris DeMarco called a "funky" fourth quarter.

"We just kind of were on our heels a little bit," Sabrina Ionescu said. "Basketball is a game of runs. Theirs came really late and I'm glad the way that we were able to kind of weather the storm and continue to chip away, find a way to win."

Two days after an obliteration at Indiana, the Liberty looked to redeem themselves against a team destined for the draft lottery.

For the first three quarters, the Liberty did that. They held the Sparks to only 41 points through three quarters and led by 26 entering the fourth.

Rebecca Allen said, "That was the best I felt, we felt collectively, as a team defensively."

But the Liberty played poorly in that final frame.

The Sparks, losers of eight of 10 games entering Thursday, didn't wave the white flag in the fourth quarter, and the Liberty paid the price.

Los Angeles — no longer featuring Kelsey Plum after the star guard was traded to Phoenix at the deadline — went on a 21-0 rampage to cut the Liberty's mighty lead in less than three minutes.

Ionescu finally ended the 4:19 drought with a much-needed basket.

But the Sparks didn't stop. They kept at it.

With 3:50 left in a four-point game, DeMarco challenged an awkward collision which got Marine Johannes whistled for a foul.

It was unsuccessful, burning the team's final timeout.

After the game, DeMarco said he "thought it was worth the challenge," adding that the team thought Johannes didn't foul and instead got hit in the face.

LIBERTY	**85**
SPARKS	**81**

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The Sparks made it a three-point game on three occasions over the final four minutes.

Dearica Hamby's layup cut the gap to 82-79 with 57.9 seconds to go. A bad inbounds pass from Pauline Astier was recovered by Ariel Atkins and the Sparks called a timeout with 26.6 left.

Rae Burrell made the layup to make it 82-81 with 21.7 seconds left.

Ionescu knocked in a pair of free throws to build the Liberty's lead back to three. It was enough to secure the win.

"It was funky," DeMarco said. "We started playing on our heels a little bit, basically coming into offense — not really running our stuff, sort of just moving the ball around, maybe some quick shots."

The Sparks outscored New York 40-18 in the fourth.

Had they lost, it arguably would have been the Liberty's most deflating defeat of the season.

Even with the win, the Liberty shouldn't be feeling too proud of themselves because the Sparks had no business being in the game that late.

"We let go of the rope a little bit," DeMarco said. "We have to put together 40-minute games. ... It was just funky overall. So I'm just proud of the group for sticking together and ... we were connected most of the night. Even in those moments, we didn't get disconnected. We were just having trouble offensively trying to find rhythms getting to the paint, waiting for each other, so defensively, we got some stops when we needed to and offensively we executed."

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Sabally to step away for health, with franchise's support

By MADELINE KENNEY

Liberty forward Satou Sabally is stepping away from the team "for a little bit" as she continues to work her way back from the concussion she suffered in late June.

Sabally's coaches and teammates fully support this decision.

"It's really mature and a step in the right direction for her to understand where she's at and what she needs to do to feel 100 percent and feel like herself," Sabrina Ionescu said before Thursday's 85-81 win over the Sparks at Barclays Center. "And we're giving her all the time in the world to do that."

Sabally's injury designation changed Wednesday night to "head injury" after being listed as "concussion protocol" for the past seven weeks. She cleared concussion protocol, but is still not 100 percent healthy.

"She's going to be away from the team for a little bit," coach Chris DeMarco said. "It's her second significant head injury in the past 12 months. So, as with all our players, health will always be the focus, and we look forward to getting her back. She's just going to take some time right now."

Asked if Sabally will be doing anything basketball related during her time away, DeMarco said, "We'll get there."

"This is under the guidance of our performance team," he continued. "But just for now, she's just taking some time away, making sure she's healthy."

Sabally, the team's marquee free agent acquisition in the offseason, went down with a head injury after Aces forward NaLyssa Smith elbowed her in the face during the Liberty's June 23 win in Las Vegas.

While she has cleared concussion protocol, she's not yet back in what DeMarco called her "comfort zone."

"We just needed some time away and make sure she's 100 percent healthy," he continued. "We're not trying to rush anybody back, and it's always going to be about the health of our players."

Sabally also suffered a concussion in Game 3 of the 2025 WNBA Finals that sidelined her for most of the offseason. She didn't participate in Unrivaled earlier this year and didn't return to basketball activities until March.

Sabally, who signed a two-year, $1.67 million contract this offseason, missed the start of the season with a cyst and fell ill in late May.

In 13 games (five starts) this season, she's averaging 10.4 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists.

Bailey showing why Gang Green thought he was cream of crop

IMPRESSING THE VETS: Jets edge rusher David Bailey has made his mark during training camp, with veteran linebacker Demario Davis saying, "He looks like a No. 2 pick." Bill Kostroun

By BRIAN COSTELLO

JETS NOTES

Jets fans will get to see No. 2 overall pick David Bailey in his first preseason game action Friday night against the Buccaneers, and you can expect him to make some splash plays.

Bailey has been the star of training camp. The edge rusher seems to be living in the offensive backfield, and he frustrated the Buccaneers this week in joint practices.

"Well, we all know that he's a good player," Jets coach Aaron Glenn said. "We all know that he's a damn good pass rusher. So, there's times where you expect that, does that make sense? You expect him to win a number of his battles when it comes to that. And then you also expect things to happen to where you have to coach him and he's going to learn some things, too. So, it really goes both ways when you look at that."

Glenn said he was actually more interested in watching the plays in practice where Bailey did not win so that he could coach him up on those plays.

The Jets took Bailey with the No. 2 overall pick, choosing him over Arvell Reese, who went to the Giants at No. 5. Bailey has impressed through his first few weeks of camp.

"I've been around a ton of rookies," veteran linebacker Demario Davis said. "You know, 7 to 10 every year for 15 years. I've seen some who were projected high not play up to that level. I've seen some who were projected low and played above that level.

"He looks like a No. 2 pick. He looks like everything that's been advertised or more. I think his instincts of not only rushing the quarterback but just getting to the football in general, the way that he plays the run with savviness, and I think he already has a lot of elements of a pro. He's mature for his age."

➤ While fans will get to see Bailey as well as fellow first-round pick WR **Omar Cooper Jr.** on Friday night, they will not see TE **Kenyon Sadiq** or CB **D'Angelo Ponds**, two other highly touted rookies who are dealing with injuries.

Sadiq practiced early in training camp but has been sidelined for the past two weeks with a setback following sports hernia surgery in May. Glenn said he expects Sadiq to be ready for Week 1.

Ponds has yet to practice during training camp because of a calf injury. Glenn has repeatedly downplayed Ponds' injury, but it will be a bigger concern if he does not get on the practice field soon. Ponds is projected to be the starting nickel cornerback, but that will become increasingly unlikely the longer he is out.

➤ The Jets waived DE **Eric Watts** with an injury settlement.

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Friday

Today: Less humid with sun and some clouds. High 81 to 87.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 65 to 71.

Saturday

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with low humidity. High 78 to 84.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy. Low 68 to 74.

Sunday

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Evening Showers/t-storms. Low 68 to 74.

Monday

A shower possible. High 80 to 86.

Evening Partly cloudy. Low 65 to 71.

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Temperature
High: 84, Low: 70, Mean: 77

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 0 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.09", Month: 3.33",
Year: 26.04", Normal year to date: 30.31"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 12
Total for the month (normal) 179 (157)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 939 (858)
Last year to date 927
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 85
UV index (for Fri.) .... 8 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 60%

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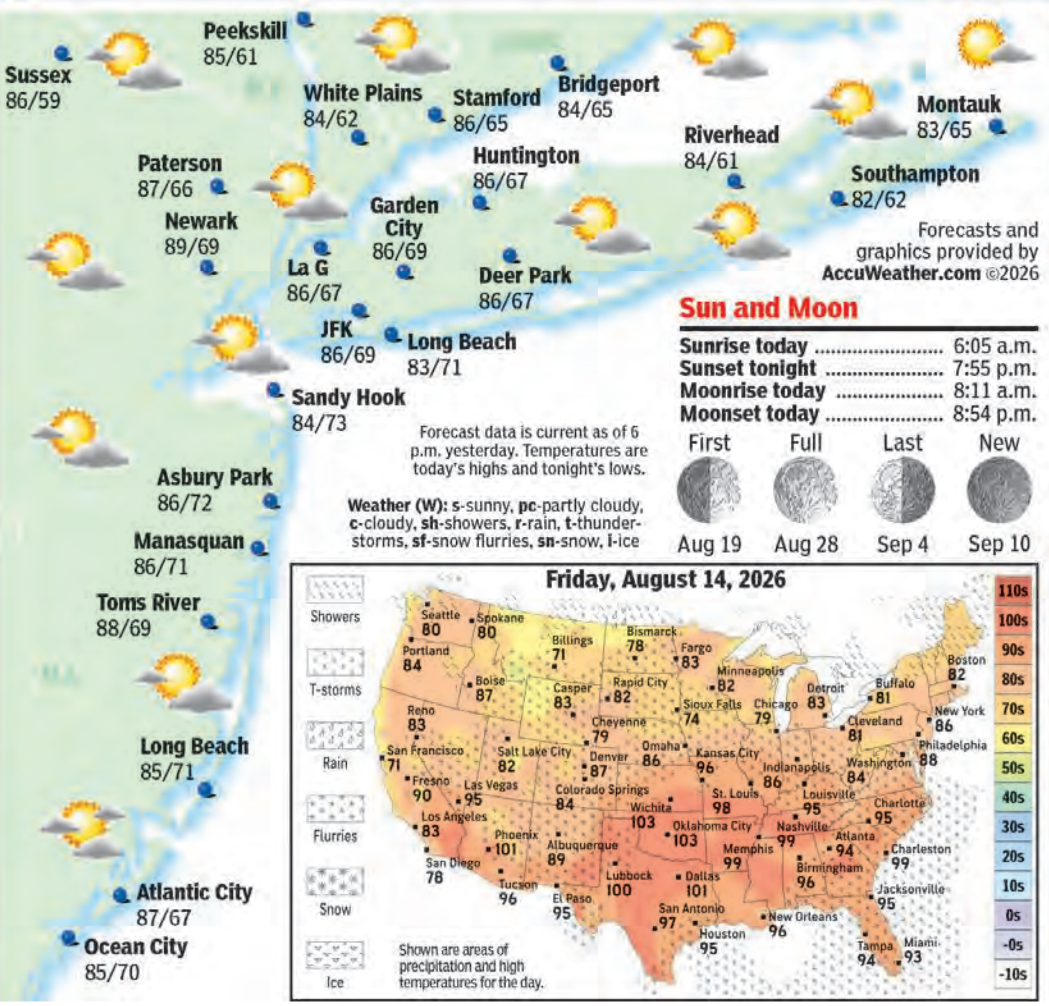
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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 6:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 7:55 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 8:11 a.m.
Moonset today .... 8:54 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 19	Aug 28	Sep 4	Sep 10

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	9:41a	9:54p	10:29a	10:41p
Fire Island	9:38a	10:01p	10:26a	10:46p
Hempstead	1:02a	1:29p	1:47a	2:10p
Huntington	12:53a	1:20p	1:39a	2:03p
Jones Inlet	9:25a	9:38p	10:13a	10:25p
Montauk Point	10:41a	11:03p	11:31a	11:52p
Port Washington	1:11a	1:37p	1:55a	2:18p
Sandy Hook	9:45a	9:58p	10:33a	10:45p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	80/56/s	78/56/r
Danbury	83/58/s	79/59/s
Glens Falls	78/51/s	78/52/s
Gr Barrington	80/55/s	79/53/s
Kingston	83/59/s	81/59/s
Liberty	80/56/s	78/59/s
Monticello	81/54/s	77/56/s
Newburgh	85/60/s	83/62/s
Poughkeepsie	83/57/s	80/59/sh
Saratoga Springs	79/53/s	80/52/s
Stroudsburg	86/59/pc	84/63/s
Torrington	82/56/s	79/57/s
Syracuse	80/57/s	81/59/s

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	89/74/s	86/73/s
Baghdad	117/89/s	119/94/s
Beijing	89/72/c	88/71/r
Berlin	90/60/s	98/65/s
Cairo	98/79/pc	98/78/pc
Dublin	72/54/c	68/52/c
Geneva	95/64/t	96/66/t
Hong Kong	87/81/r	92/83/r
Jerusalem	86/69/s	87/70/s
Kabul	94/68/pc	93/67/pc
London	93/65/s	83/59/pc
Madrid	100/71/pc	89/68/pc
Mexico City	77/58/r	79/57/r
Montreal	76/56/pc	75/58/s
Moscow	63/46/r	69/54/pc
Paris	102/71/s	92/67/t
Rio de Janeiro	77/71/pc	75/69/t
Rome	95/71/s	92/70/s
Sydney	68/52/s	64/53/r
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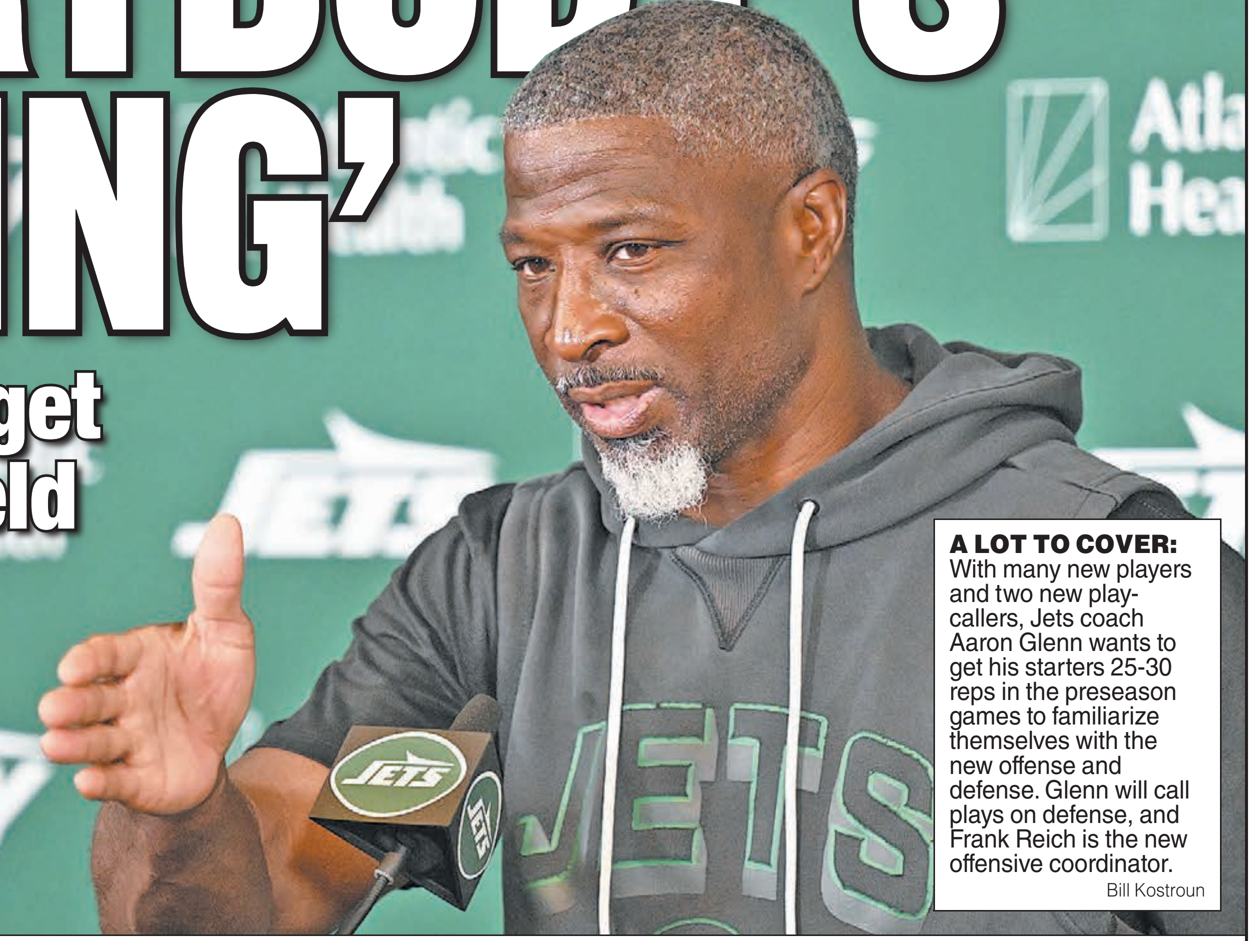
‘EVERYBODY’S PLAYING’

Glenn, Jets will get regulars onto field in preseason opener with 2 new systems being installed



A LOT TO COVER: With many new players and two new play-callers, Jets coach Aaron Glenn wants to get his starters 25-30 reps in the preseason games to familiarize themselves with the new offense and defense. Glenn will call plays on defense, and Frank Reich is the new offensive coordinator.

Bill Kostroun

By BRIAN COSTELLO

Jets coach Aaron Glenn did not hesitate this week when asked if his starters would play in Friday night’s preseason opener against the Buccaneers.

“Everybody’s playing,” Glenn said. “Everybody’s playing.”

That makes the start of the preseason a little more entertaining for anyone interested in the Jets. Everyone will get to see the new-look squad with Geno Smith at quarterback and some of their additions, such as rookie pass rusher David Bailey and veteran defenders Demario Davis and Minkah Fitzpatrick.

The Buccaneers are not expected to play many, if any, starters. Quarterback Baker Mayfield definitely will not play, Bucs coach Todd Bowles announced.

The Jets and Buccaneers had two fight-filled joint practices in Florham Park this week. That is unlikely to spill over into the preseason game, where the penalties would actually count.

For Glenn, this is a chance to get his guys on the field. The Jets have many new players and also two new play-callers. Glenn is calling the defense this season and Frank Reich is the team’s new offensive coordinator.

“You have two new systems that are going in, and I think it’s important for our guys to play,” Glenn said. “Now, there was science behind this also, as far as having joint practices, and trying to get the guys, at least throughout the preseason, 25-30 reps, and I’m talking about [combined in] all three games. I don’t know how I’ll divvy that up, it’s a feel when you go into preseason, but what they say is when you have joint practices where the ones get a lot of reps and then you have that many plays, 25-30 in a preseason game, throughout those three games, the risk of injury actually goes down in that first part of the year. Just talking to those guys, I’m a big believer in that, so I’m looking forward to seeing that.”

Glenn said he’s looking for four things in this game at MetLife Stadium.

“I want to see the fundamentals of the game show up,” Glenn said. “And when I say that, I want to see blocking, tackling, catching, ball security, punching the ball, I want to see those things. And then I want to see the techniques behind that also. I want to make sure that we operate in that aspect when it comes to the game. Then I want to see us execute. I want to see those three things, and I want to see the discipline of our team, alright.”

The players were enthusiastic about getting the chance to play, even the veterans. For Smith, this will be his first game in a Jets uniform since 2016.

“Man, just to get out there and just play ball,” Smith said, “feel the real, live game atmosphere, be in the huddle with my guys, have the clock running down, be out there in front of the fans back at MetLife. Just all the things of real football, not two-hand touch or thud, just to feel the game again.”

Running back Breece Hall said he is looking forward to getting tackled, something that is not allowed in practice. The Jets do something called “thud” where a tackler wraps up the ball carrier quickly and then lets go. They are not supposed to knock them to the ground.

“Really, just actually getting tackled,” Hall said. “Even [Tuesday], me and Antoine Winfield had a really good thud and hold, and I haven’t really been hit too much like that. It was good to get that feel. Just to get a few carries in, whether it’s five plays, six plays and get tackled to the ground and maybe get a blitz pressure and have to pick up a guy blitzing that’s trying to run through me and get a sack. I think it’s definitely good to get a little feel of it, a little taste of it.”

This game is not just a dress rehearsal for the players. Glenn is adjusting to being a play-calling head coach. This will be a test for him in managing the game while also calling the defense.

“This was thought out quite a bit, to be honest with you, so now how do I surround myself with people that are going to help me in that aspect also,” Glenn said. “Because listen, if you’re calling it, you can’t do everything, and I want to make sure I’m spot on with what I’m calling. I want to make sure I’m putting our players in the best position, and then make sure that I have the help around me when it comes to game management when I’m on the defensive side and I’m calling it.”

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Three things to watch

1 The starters are going to play, but we don’t know how long. It will be interesting to see how the starting offense looks after a rough week. **Geno Smith** & Co. did not perform well in joint practices with the Buccaneers. It sounds like Tampa Bay coach Todd Bowles is resting his starters, so this should be an easier task for the Jets offense.

2 Jets rookie edge rusher **David Bailey** has been making highlight plays during training camp. Can he continue to do it under the lights? Bailey has an explosive first step and looks every bit like a player taken No. 2 overall in the draft.

3 These preseason games are very important for rookie quarterback **Cade Klubnik**, who is trying to win the No. 2 job behind Smith. Klubnik has been up and down in practice, but he could solidify his hold on the job with strong performances in the preseason. **Bailey Zappe** is his chief in-house competition but general manager **Darren Mougey** could still swing a deal for a veteran backup before the season. *— Brian Costello*

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FIELDS OF DREAMS

First-year Big Blue WR has eyes on earning some playing time

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Time stopped when Malachi Fields left his feet to catch a dig route over the middle of the field.

"It was like he was just levitating," safety Jason Pinnock said, recalling Fields' standout introductory reception during spring practice. "I was kind of just waiting for him to come down. He's a freak athlete. If I had to say one glaring thing, it's his ball skills."

The 6-foot-4 rookie is responsible for a few 40-yard catches during training camp, but he has shown a more expansive route tree than just tracking go-balls since he joined the Giants as a third-round pick.

Veterans Darius Slayton, Darnell Mooney and Calvin Austin have the inside track to be the Giants' top complementary options to No. 1 receiver Malik Nabers when the season begins. But it might not be long before Fields is pushing for more targets from Jaxson Dart and using his physicality to perimeter block for the running backs.

"The playbook comes easy to him, so we can really focus on what happens after the snap rather than before," receivers coach Chad Hall said. "That's really beneficial to coach because I'm not teaching the whiteboard stuff. He's gotten better from the snap to the release to the top of the routes. He's a big guy who can bend well. We're just trying to get him to bend more, play lower."

Fields will make his NFL preseason debut Saturday against the Vikings in front of his parents, wife and son. Teammates recognize that he is champing at the bit to be competitive again.

"He has a great rapport with Jaxson," backup quarterback Jameis Winston said. "He's curious about what is required to be the best. And I think when you have that mindset, when you focus on what you love, it's a setup for success."

The Giants tied for No. 11 in 20-yard receptions (52) and tied for No. 5 (11) in 40-yard receptions last season despite an injured Nabers missing the final 13 games.

Pint-sized speedster Wan'Dale Robinson, who was responsible for the bulk of those chunk plays, left in free agency for the Titans, and now the galloping Fields is flashing a different way to get downfield.

What could make Fields different than 2023 third-round pick Jalin Hyatt — a much-hyped deep threat who is on the wrong side of the roster bubble after three touchdown-less seasons — is an underappreciated ability to make plays at the second level of the defense.

"The big plays are fun, but there's more that goes into it — the blocking that you don't see, the third-and-4 conversions, all that stuff," Fields said. "I think [my other routes] are starting to get recognized a little more. Just being able to get in and out of breaks, run those shorter routes, those possession catches 5 or 10 yards down the field instead of those 50-yard bombs."

Hall said that Fields — a product of Virginia and Notre Dame who averaged 17.5 yards per catch last season — showed up with "technique issues" and immediately got to work fixing those. A few limited practices early in training camp due to an undisclosed injury didn't slow his progress.

"The biggest word for him since he's been here is 'growth,' " Hall said. "He spent a ton of time over the summer really tuning his game. He's a big guy who can hold the red line downfield and give the quarterback space. He's long and he's not afraid to go up and get it. The quarterbacks have some confidence in that as well. He's earned it every day he's been here."

Fields is adopting skills like how to take care of his body, film study and different route-running maneuvers from the veterans in his position group. But having a 222-pound body to use as a box-out weapon on defensive backs can't be replicated.

"When you try to just bully some down the field, it doesn't always work," Fields said. "[Officials] are going to throw a flag or say we were both fighting so there's no flag and it's still incomplete. So, it's working your feet, working your release and then using your body at the top and adding that in with a tempo in your route. That's when you really create more separation — for me, personally, being that bigger guy."

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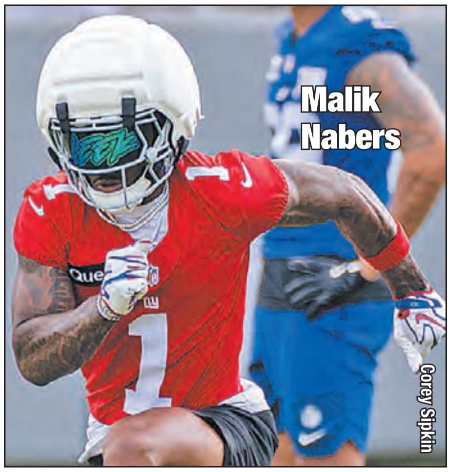

Malik Nabers

Corey Sipkin

Nabers busts coach's lip, by accident,

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Malik Nabers was so excited to have an increased workload Thursday that he inadvertently busted open his receiver coach's lip.

Chad Hall was simulating the defensive back lined up against Nabers in a drill to practice releases off the line of scrimmage, they both turned their heads in the same direction and Nabers' helmet collided with Hall, who was administered stitches right on the field during practice.

"We're putting him in different positions — just trying to get him more comfortable," Hall said. "But he looks great. He's more confident. He was just as excited as the whole team was to see him out there making some plays, getting pushed on a little bit."

Nabers, who underwent multiple surgeries after suffering a torn ACL and slightly torn meniscus in Week 4 of last season, wore a red noncontact jersey Thursday for the first time during training camp. He continued to be part of individual drills — all but one of the 14 practices — plus offensive installation periods and routes on air, but the slight addition was that he took part in a three-quarter-speed 11-on-11 situation where he caught a pass on each of his first four snaps.

"He's been itching, itching, itching, working his ass off for six, nine months, just trying to get back to this point where he can get on the field," Hall said. "You saw his first catch. People were hooting and hollering just to see him out there making some cuts, even catching and making some moves.

In one of the previous remote practices in West Virginia, Nabers participated in a similar period at a slower

Corey Sipkin (2)

GIANT IMPACT: Third-round rookie receiver Malachi Fields aims to be a force with the Giants. But first, he must climb the WR depth chart.

during practice drill

speed. He was bumped to the ground by safety Tyler Nubin, which sounded like the impetus for adding the red jersey that usually is reserved for quarterbacks).

"This was hearing a play call, getting lined up, doesn't know what's going on [defensively], reacting," Hall said. "He wasn't untouched. In West Virginia, that was like a glorified walk-through. This was a lot more intense."

Head coach John Harbaugh called Thursday a "timing practice" with "no physicality" allowed. Tell that to Hall, who had dried blood on his lip and his teeth — a small price to pay for the big rewards that Nabers could offer the Giants as he tracks toward playing Week 1 against the Cowboys.

"The players were excited when we talked about it in the meeting this morning," Harbaugh said of Nabers' participation. "It's a big step. It was a milestone."

Giants may lean on a rookie to kick off career

Paul Schwartz

ARE THE Giants and John Harbaugh — the most special teams-aware head coach in the entire NFL — really going to entrust their placekicking to a fresh-faced rookie?

This rather pointed question was presented to that fresh-faced rookie, Dominic Zvada, and at first he responded by repeating it, almost word-for word.

"Why should they trust a rookie?" he said, sounding far more bemused by the query than annoyed by it.

"That's tough, man," Zvada told The Post. "I mean, I want to say I would go out there and do everything I can and give everything I can for this team. It's an honor to play for this team, such a historic franchise.

"For me, I'm going to do everything I can to be able to give myself the best opportunity and do the best job I can."

Is this actually going to happen? Is a franchise that has endured kicker follies the past three seasons, as uber-reliable Graham Gano began showing his age, going to go with an NFL novice in Harbaugh's first season?

Come Sept. 13, in a nationally televised "Sunday Night Football" meeting with the rival Cowboys, will it be a skinny 22-year-old potentially lining up for the game-winning field goal at sold-out MetLife Stadium?

"Everyone starts somewhere," Zvada reasoned. "So for me, it's like: Why not now?"

Now for Zvada depends on two factors. First, does he outlast Ben Sauls in the summer battle for the one roster spot reserved for the kicker? Next, is Zvada so impressive that Harbaugh is convinced to take the risk rather than scour the free agent market for a more experienced guy?

Harbaugh was willing to give a kid a shot back in 2012 when he named rookie Justin Tucker the Ravens kicker heading into that season. Tucker's 83.3 percent field goal hit rate at Texas was third best in school history, but he was not a widely heralded prospect. He was not invited to the East-West Shrine Game, or the Senior Bowl, or the NFL scouting combine. He was not drafted.

Zvada is more of a known commodity. He went to the Shrine Bowl and the scouting combine before going undrafted. He kicked the past two years at Michigan, so he was in a college football cauldron.

Tucker went on to become one of the league's best kickers and surely a potential Hall of Famer. Harbaugh grew to lean on him to turn close games into rousing victories.

No one can link what Tucker accomplished to what Zvada might. That is premature and unfair. But Tucker got a shot, and someone will give Zvada a shot, and that someone could be Harbaugh with the Giants.

"We think about how we all started, right?" special teams coordinator Chris Horton said. "When I got up to be a coordinator for the very first time, there were things that I needed to learn on the job, and so it's just like any other position, just like any other thing, that we all got to start somewhere, right?"

Right.

Zvada nods in agreement with this.

"If you look at my college career, I started [at Arkansas State] as a true freshman, I transferred to Michigan, I started as soon as I got there," he said. "Wherever I've gone I've been able to pick it up right away."

Dominic Zvada

Zvada emerged on the national scene in 2024, his first year at Michigan, when he hit 21 of 22 field goals — including a 54-yarder in the second quarter and a game-winning 21-yarder with 45 seconds remaining to beat hated rival Ohio State 13-10 on the road in Columbus. Zvada was not nearly as accurate as a senior in 2025 — 17 of 25 on field goals — to knock his NFL stock down a bit. He finished his four-year college career 140-for-142 on extra points.

As much as possible, Harbaugh has put the heat on Zvada, yapping at him before field goal attempts during practice in West Virginia and encouraging outside linebacker Abdul Carter to do the same.

"I'm kind of in my zone, but I can hear [Harbaugh] yelling," Zvada said. "I think one time, Abdul Carter was yelling something at me and Harbaugh said, 'Oh, that was the game-winner of Michigan versus Penn State.' Stuff like that to get in your head a little bit, make you lose focus."

Zvada nailed a 55-yard field goal on the last day in White Sulphur Springs, with Harbaugh and Carter barking at him. Wednesday, Zvada ended practice at the team facility by drilling a 62-yard field goal after the offensive players lobbied Harbaugh to send the rookie out there.

In the offseason, Zvada posted a video on social media of himself hitting a 70-yard field goal. He declined to characterize his leg strength in terms of yardage but told The Post his range is "far … it's far."

Power is great, when it can be harnessed.

"Having a big leg is a big deal," Harbaugh said. "Kicking it straight consistently is a bigger deal. I think both those guys have done that very well."

Zvada said he did not keep count of how many field goals he hit this summer but knew he missed four. Two of those misses came on the first day of camp. He has attempted nearly 60 kicks.

Saturday is the preseason debut for Zvada, who as of late this week had never stepped foot inside MetLife Stadium. Harbaugh has not yet divulged how the kicking chores will be shared between Zvada and Sauls when the Giants face the Vikings. This will be Zvada's NFL debut. Sauls, a left-footer, went 8-for-8 late last season on field goals for the Giants.

"I have a pregame ritual, a pregame process that I like to do," Zvada said. "For me, it's not going to change, so for me, go out there and do my best."

His best could be good enough to land the job. He has to start somewhere.

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'NEXT' ON THE LIST

Areas Mets need to address for 2027 rebound

THERE is hope Mets fans. No, not for this year, but for 2027.

The Mets' odds to make this year's playoffs via Fangraphs fell from 0.2 percent Monday to 0.1 percent Tuesday and as of Wednesday can be rounded down to 0.0 percent, matching "Bluto" Blutarsky's grade point average and fairly estimating their current despair.

Yet, all is not lost.

August actually brought a little hope. Between some valuable (and perhaps movable) assets acquired at the trade deadline and a couple rotation revelations (Zac Thornton's surprising rise and especially Sean Manaea's shocking rebound), their goal to contend next year is no pipe dream now.

There is a chance. But there are also serious challenges. They'll enter the winter with an incomplete rotation, a remade, ultra-inexperienced bullpen, a couple uncertain everyday positions and a million questions (rough estimate). Here are some big ones:

1. How many starting pitchers do they need? Nolan McLean and Christian Scott look like keepers, and thanks to the emergence of the rookie Thornton, perhaps a back-end solution, and the reemergence of Manaea, they may have a semblance of a rotation. Tylor Megill should be back, lefty Jonathan Santucci may be ready, and they haven't given up on Jonah Tong, whose spotty Triple-A year is finishing with promise. Yet, they believe they need "at least one or two" more starters.

Fortunately, the free agent list for pitchers isn't nearly as thin as the position player list. If they can't get superstar Tarik Skubal (more on that below), we'd recommend free agents Michael King, Matthew Boyd and old friend Clay Holmes. Trades are also more possible since acquiring highly regarded prospects Sammy Stafura and especially Jefferson Rojas, giving them a quartet of intriguing shortstop hopefuls (with Elian Peña and Mitch Voit).

2. Do they have a chance for Skubal? Word is, the Mets are intrigued, no surprise since: 1) owner Steve Cohen has a successful history chasing the best of the best (counting art pieces and Juan Soto), and 2) they still have significant ground to make up. Their Skubal chances are unknown but might be improving slightly since it's uncertain the other perennial mega spender and perceived early favorite, the frequent successful bidder (Yoshinobu Yamamoto, Kyle Tucker) and now Skubal-employing Dodgers, will continue to play that high.

3. What about the empty bullpen? Thanks to four deadline trades, injuries and attrition, the redone pen is a mix of mostly journeymen and hopefuls. So there's serious work to do. With their success importing ex-Yankees — Holmes, Luke Weaver, Luis Torrens, Luis Severino and Soto — we'll suggest Yankees closer David Bednar, an impending free agent who's brilliantly anchored one of MLB's top pens with a varied repertoire and enormous guts.

4. What positions need help? Second base, where Marcus Semien's better recent moments don't completely offset a multiyear trend, and first base are where they may look to improve. Free agents Brandon Lowe and Luis Arraez look like 2B possibilities. But first base is the bigger issue from here.

They've scouted Japanese star slugger Teruaki Sato, a 3B who could move to 1B. They'd consider Jared Young, who's been solid, as part of a potential platoon. They can dream about Yandy Díaz, who's forever seemingly everyone's pie-in-the-sky trade hope, but free agent Andrew Vaughn's more gettable. New Yankee Luis García Jr. makes sense in a potential trade. The Mets need him more.

Michael King
Tarik Skubal
Andrew Vaughn
David Bednar

Robert Sabo; Carlin Stiehl, AP; Getty Images

Yankees healthy by early Sept.?

THE CURRENT guesstimate is that both **Cody Bellinger** and **Giancarlo Stanton** could be back sometime around Sept. 1.

The Yankees don't like to provide timetables on the great **Aaron Judge**, but it's conceded he's somewhat behind the other two stars.

The Yankees were never seen as a serious player for **Tarik Skubal**, as they already have three aces (plus **Carlos Rodón** is returning as No. 4). But in their brief talks, the Tigers first asked for **George Lombard Jr.** (whose dad is the Tigers bench coach) then mentioned a four-player package of two big leaguers and two prospects while also saying they weren't even sure that would get it done.

The Tigers have always liked **Will Warren**. But it's pretty obvious why the Yankees wouldn't give up Warren and four young players with about 20 years of control for two-plus months.

Lombard, who looks like a stud so far, told me it was an easy call signing with the Yankees (for an over-market $3.3M) even over Vanderbilt. Lombard was also a relatively easy call for the Yankees at No. 25 in the draft. They loved his character, work ethic and athleticism.

We can see why.

Some other teams still do value **Anthony Volpe**. May I suggest a trade rather than attempting to transition him to 2B? Out of New York, he may be better.

The Mariners look like they are giving the Mets a run for Most Disappointing Team of 2026.

Japanese star slugger Sato on Amazin' radar

THE METS are scouting and considering Hanshin Tigers star 3B **Teruaki Sato,** who's expected to come to MLB. But if they do sign Sato, he might have to switch to 1B.

The Mets had mixed results with position switches this year. **Bo Bichette** moved seamlessly to 3B, but 1B hopeful **Jorge Polanco**'s injuries are limiting him to DH.

The best early guess is that Bichette will be back at 3B, as he has a good chance to opt in, with $84 million and two years, plus a second opt-out to go, especially considering CBA uncertainty.

Like **Munetaka Murakami**, who's thrived at 1B slugging for the White Sox, Sato, a former Central League MVP with a 1.026 OPS, has "good pop" but is "questionable" at 3B, via scouts.

The Yankees, Dodgers and Phillies also are linked to Sato.

No surprise, the Mets are planning to decline **Luis Robert Jr.**'s $20M option and buy him out for $2M. **A.J. Ewing** is the future center fielder.

Mets people are still saying the plan remains for interim manager **Andy Green** to return to the front office.

Alex Cora should be the Mets' obvious outside choice. But the Phillies seem to be Cora's more likely landing spot.

Phillies baseball president **Dave Dombrowski**, while saying he isn't thinking about anything but the Phillies' current situation, called Cora on The Post podcast "The Show" a "very good big league manager, "a friend of mine" and a "tremendous person."

The Phillies could keep interim manager **Don Mattingly,** whose son **Preston** is GM, but Cora, who only declined the job in season due to a promise he made to his family to take the summer off, may get a second chance in Philly. And if offered, why wouldn't Cora prefer them since the Philly boss already loves him?

Spencer is pulled late for Ramos to face lefty

HAVE A SEAT: Spencer Jones, watching Thursday's game from the dugout in the sixth inning, was pulled in the eighth for pinch hitter Heliot Ramos to face Mariners lefty José Ferrer.

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

In the small sample size of 29 plate appearances, Spencer Jones has gone 8-for-25 with two home runs, two doubles, a triple and a 1.134 OPS against left-handed pitching.

The lefty slugger will have to prove more to remain in the game when matched up with particularly tough southpaws.

YANKEES NOTES

In a one-run game in the eighth inning Thursday, manager Aaron Boone lifted Jones for righty-hitting Heliot Ramos against Seattle lefty José Ferrer, who is one of the game's best relievers at neutralizing lefty hitters.

"That's one of the reasons we brought Heliot Ramos in was his presence against [lefties]," Boone said of the trade-deadline pickup, who grounded out and has not started well with the Yankees (2-for-25).

Boone said he did not consider leaving Jones, who had a strong game Wednesday and went 0-for-3 with a strikeout in Thursday's 1-0 loss, in to face Ferrer. Entering play, Ferrer held fellow lefties to a .553 OPS with zero home runs in 109 plate appearances while righties (.913 OPS with five home runs) have crushed him.

In that way, Boone said Ferrer is "unique" because he has "really struggled with right-handed hitters."

This was the type of scenario GM Brian Cashman may have envisioned in acquiring the former Giant, Ramos entering the at-bat hitting .271 with a .795 OPS against southpaws, and became Boone's choice over Jones and Paul Goldschmidt.

For one August game, it didn't work.

➤ After going 2-for-4 with a pair of runs scored Wednesday, **George Lombard Jr.** was moved up to fifth in the lineup and went 0-for-4 with a strikeout. He had batted from sixth through ninth in his first seven major league games.

Boone downplayed the ascension, chalking it up to his "obsession with trying to create a little balance." The righty swinger hit between lefties **Luis García Jr.** and **Jazz Chisholm Jr.** for a lineup that alternated handedness from Nos. 4-9.

Regardless, Boone needed a righty to bump up and chose Lombard over **José Caballero** and **Ali Sánchez**.

"His approach has been excellent," Boone said of Lombard.

➤ **Giancarlo Stanton** and **Cody Bellinger**, who both had run the bases — typically a significant step that leads to a rehab assignment — the past two days, came through fine, Boone said.

Boone declined to reveal the next steps for either and said the organization has not yet decided if Stanton — out since April with a pair of calf strains — will require a rehab assignment.

➤ **Carlos Rodón** threw 58 pitches (41 strikes) in $4\,{}^{1}/_{3}$ scoreless innings in his second rehab start. Pitching with Double-A Somerset, Rodón struck out seven while allowing two hits and a walk.

➤ **Yerry De los Santos** ($1\,{}^{2}/_{3}$ scoreless innings, three strikeouts) has not allowed an earned run in seven of eight appearances this year.

➤ The Yankees held a ceremony before the game honoring Goldschmidt, who is this season's club nominee for the Heart and Hustle Award, which "is presented annually to an active player who demonstrates a passion for the game of baseball and best embodies the values, spirit and traditions of the game."

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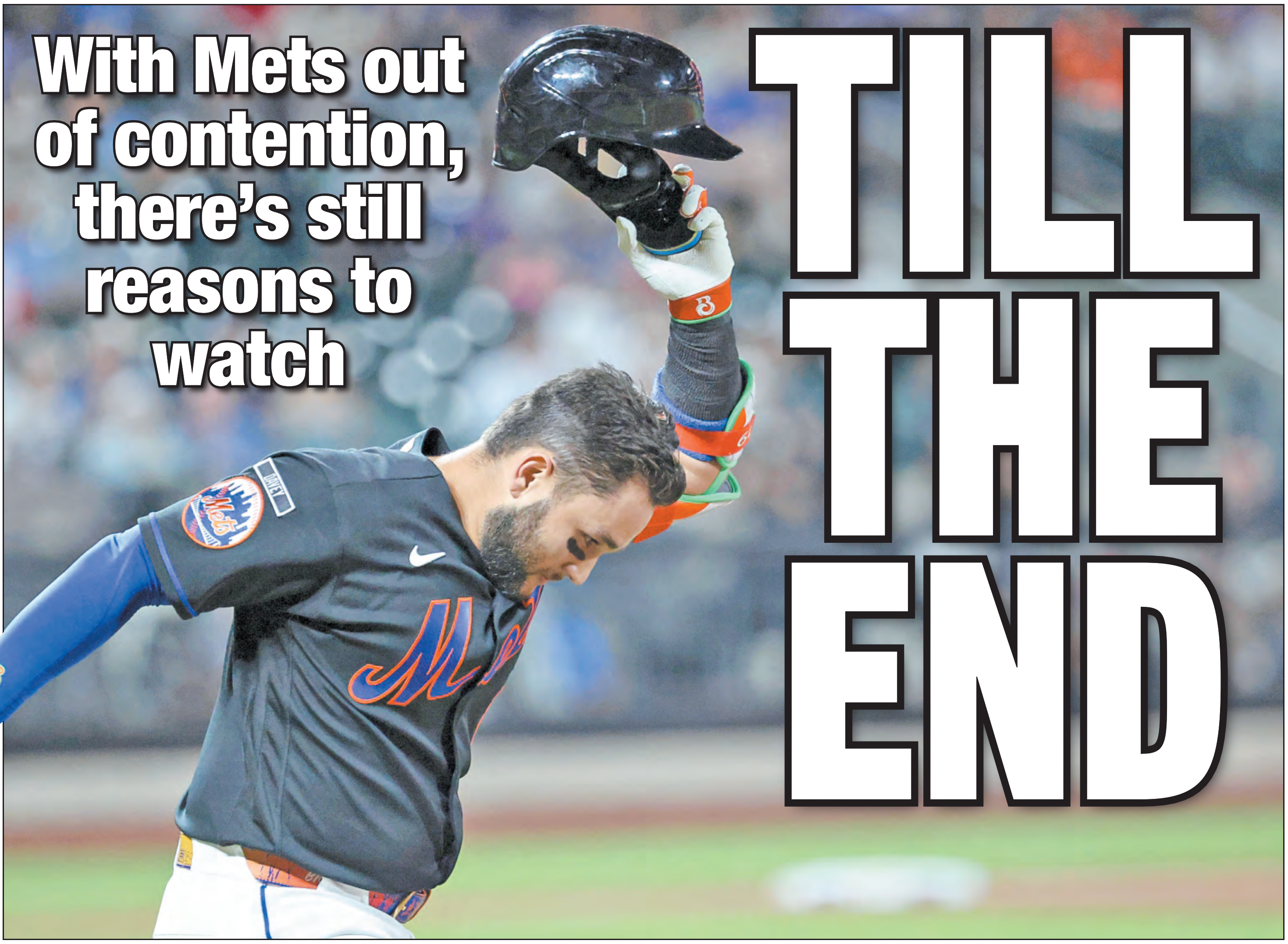
TILL THE END

With Mets out of contention, there's still reasons to watch

By DAN MARTIN



FRUSTRATION IN FLUSHING: After coming over from the Blue Jays, Bo Bichette — slamming his helmet earlier this summer — has had an underwhelming first season with the Mets. Though he has improved lately, he could opt out after the season. Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

As the Mets return to Citi Field on Friday to open a series against the Nationals, they'll begin a stretch with four of their next five series in Queens.

That's hardly good news, as they entered Thursday with the third-worst home record in the sport — ahead of just the A's and their minor league park in West Sacramento, Calif., and Washington.

And with the team hopelessly out of playoff contention, Mets fans could certainly be forgiven for avoiding the ballpark — and the TV — for the rest of the season.

But for those willing to venture to the ballpark for the rest of the summer and (early) fall, here are some things to keep an eye on:

Stay or Bo?

Bo Bichette was among the reasons the Mets got off to a season-sinking start, as he basically didn't start hitting until early June after signing with the team in the offseason.

Two-plus months later, Bichette has looked more like the star he was for most of his time with the Blue Jays.

He has still remained significantly more productive on the road than at Citi Field, with an OPS of .643 at home and .730 away from home, but the concerns that his move from shortstop to third base would have a long-term impact on him at the plate have so far proven not to be true.

And there's still the subject of his opt-out.

Bichette has a player option for $42 million for both next season — if and when it's played — as well as 2028.

When he was in the throes of his early season slump, an opt-out seemed almost unfathomable, considering he wouldn't have fetched nearly that much on the open market.

Despite his improved play, though, it has been a struggle in his first season in New York and the team has wildly underachieved.

But perhaps with better health from Francisco Lindor and Juan Soto next season, Bichette could see a strong lineup and the chance to put together a complete season offensively.

Lindor back?

Bichette isn't the only veteran hitter who has gotten better as the year has gone on. Since July 19, just eight players have a higher OPS than Lindor's .961.

There have still been too many odd mental (and physical) errors by the shortstop this season, but after the switch-hitter underwent hamate bone surgery in the spring, it was expected he might need some time to return to form at the plate.

If the Mets have any hope of getting themselves right next season, Lindor will have to continue his recent play.

His defense has been the worst of his career, basically by any measurable metric — including watching the games.

And at 32, it's unlikely to improve.

Center of attention

A.J. Ewing, like his fellow rookie Carson Benge, has continued to impress on both sides of the ball. And though many people were surprised to see Ewing in left field even after the trade deadline just to accommodate Luis Robert Jr. in center, many scouts aren't bothered by it.

"He's just an athlete, and I don't think moving him around [defensively] will impact his development," one American League scout said. "He didn't play there much in the minors, and now they know they can put him in left and he'll be fine."

His bat has been a bit more inconsistent than Benge's, but both rank among the top five among rookies in stolen bases since Ewing was called up in May.

Ewing has also has the team's highest home OPS (.810) among qualified hitters, other than Juan Soto.

ON DECK: vs. Nationals

Friday, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Robert Stock

2026 stats:
0-2, 10.13 ERA

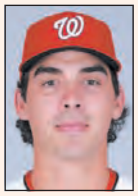
Career vs. WSH:
0-0, 4.50 ERA

Last start:
Sat., at PIT;
3.0 IP, 9 H, 8 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

29%	26%	23%
Cutter	4-Seamer	Sinker

LHP Andrew Alvarez



2026 stats:
2-3, 3.76 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
0-1, 7.36 ERA

Last start:
Sat. vs. CIN;
5.1 IP, 3 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

30%	28%	24%
Curve	4-Seamer	Slider

UP NEXT

SATURDAY: vs. Nationals, 4:10 p.m., SNY, FS1, WHSQ
LHP Sean Manaea vs. TBD

SUNDAY: vs. Nationals, 1:40 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Christian Scott vs. RHP Jake Irvin

INJURY REPORT

■ **Austin Warren** has had back-to-back scoreless outings in minor league rehab appearances for Triple-A Syracuse. The right-hander has been out since early July with a forearm strain.

Young guns

For now, Christian Scott, Nolan McLean and Zac Thornton are lined up to pitch Saturday, Sunday and Monday, respectively.

The trio of young hurlers has shown promise, although there have been bumps along the way:

Scott has a 5.30 ERA in his past four starts.

McLean has allowed five homers in his past four appearances after not given up a homer in nine of his 10 previous outings.

Thornton, the least-heralded of the group, has struck out just seven batters over his past three starts.

In the bullpen — after the trade deadline left it gutted by the departures of Luke Weaver, Brooks Raley, A.J. Minter and Huascar Brazobán, and now the shoulder injury to Devin Williams — the Mets will be hoping someone emerges as a candidate to be a reliable arm the rest of the way.

Could one of them be Kodai Senga?

It seems unlikely, given his track record.

Nate Lavender has struck out five batter and allowed just three baserunners in 3 1/3 innings so far. The 26-year-old was a 14th-round pick by the Mets in 2021.

➤ Chris Devenski — who appeared in 13 games, including a start, for the Mets a year ago — is back in the organization and pitched a scoreless inning with Triple-A Syracuse on Wednesday. The right-hander, 35, was designated for assignment by the Pirates last week.

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BOOM TO BUST

Yanks shut out — again — after offensive outbursts to start series

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

After burning through their weekly allotment of runs Wednesday, the Yankees were all out of offense an afternoon later.

If Tuesday's big, four-run inning and Wednesday's big, 10-run game looked like the beginnings of a stirring of the Yankees' offense, Thursday the group looked drowsy once more.

MARINERS	**1**
YANKEES	**0**

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Perhaps that was the Logan Gilbert effect, but regardless of the cause, the Yankees were shut out for a seventh time this season in a 1-0 loss in front of 41,842 in The Bronx, where they could not finish off a sweep of the Mariners.

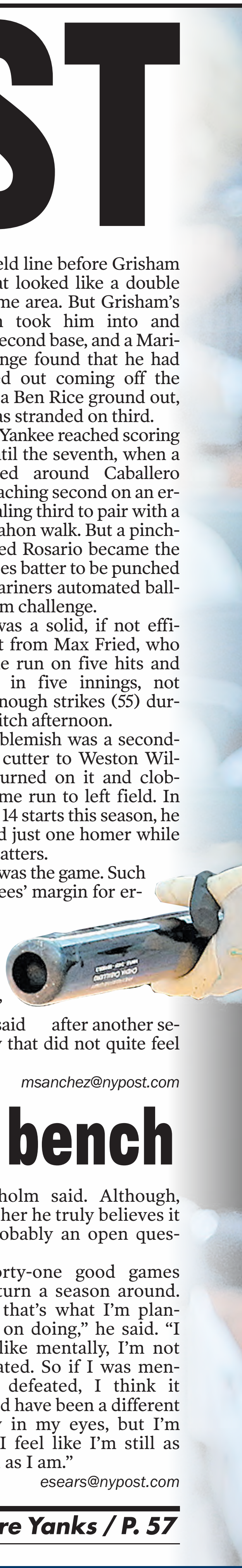
On a day the Rays were idle, the Yankees (68-53) fell to a season-worst 6 ½ games behind in the AL East before trips to Toronto and Baltimore.

Games like this series finale — in which the Yankees finished with four hits, went 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position and watched Max Fried and even their 'B' bullpen (Ryan Yarbrough, Yerry De los Santos and Fernando Cruz) deal — have become commonplace for a team that just has not scored enough with its best bats hurting.

And yet they somehow have won 18 of their past 29 games, sweating through each narrow victory and narrow defeat.

"It's been playoffs every day, it feels like," manager Aaron Boone said of a club whose past three defeats have come by scores of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-1. "I got people on the street saying, 'Hey, it'll turn around.'

YER OUT! Trent Grisham is tagged out trying to stretch a single into a double — one of just four Yankees hits as the lineup regressed badly after a couple of outbursts. Jazz Chisholm Jr. (right) was one of the culprits, going 0-for-4 with three K's. Robert Sabo; Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post



"I'm like, 'We're doing all right.' "

The rallying cry from the clubhouse during an extended period in which just about every game is a toss-up is that these anxieties should help later.

"Games like this are battles," said George Lombard Jr., who was again impressive with his glove but went 0-for-4 with a strikeout. "And that's how games are in October. So just practice finding a way to win those tight games."

Their offense had shown signs of breaking through in the first two contests against Seattle, which boasts one of the best pitching staffs in the sport, but Gilbert (six innings, four hits, seven strikeouts) and the Mariners bullpen were overwhelming.

With Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton and Cody Bellinger watching from the dugout, the offense they left behind did not muster many chances and did not do anything with the few they did.

"I thought early on we had some good at-bats against [Gilbert], right from jump with [Trent] Grisham and [Spencer] Jones smoking balls for outs in the first inning, and then [Luis] García [Jr.] leads off the second with a double, gives us a good scoring opportunity," Boone said. "But from there, we just weren't able to do much."

After his double, García (the only Yankee with multiple hits) watched Lombard (foul out), Jazz Chisholm Jr. (one of his three strikeouts) and José Caballero (pop out) go down in order.

Their best opportunity probably came in the third, when Ali Sánchez sliced a one-out single down the right field line before Grisham drilled what looked like a double into the same area. But Grisham's momentum took him into and briefly off second base, and a Mariners challenge found that he had been tagged out coming off the base. After a Ben Rice ground out, Sánchez was stranded on third.

No other Yankee reached scoring position until the seventh, when a rally formed around Caballero walking, reaching second on an error and stealing third to pair with a Ryan McMahon walk. But a pinch-hitting Amed Rosario became the third Yankees batter to be punched out on a Mariners automated ball-strike system challenge.

Wasted was a solid, if not efficient, effort from Max Fried, who allowed one run on five hits and two walks in five innings, not throwing enough strikes (55) during an 88-pitch afternoon.

His only blemish was a second-inning, 2-2 cutter to Weston Wilson, who turned on it and clobbered a home run to left field. In Fried's first 14 starts this season, he had allowed just one homer while facing 312 batters.

And that was the game. Such is the Yankees' margin for error.

"We're just grinding through it right now," Boone said after another series victory that did not quite feel like one.

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Looking for answers, Jazz sure they're not on bench

By ETHAN SEARS

Jazz Chisholm Jr. wavered between downcast and confident that his season from hell would turn around in its final six weeks following a rancid day at the plate against the Mariners, but one solution the Yankees infielder didn't want to entertain was sitting on the bench for a few days.

"I don't think that would help," Chisholm said Thursday after striking out three times, including for the last out in a 1-0 loss to the Mariners. "That's the only way I know how to get through anything is to keep going through it. I feel like to sit and just sit on it is not a good move either."

Chisholm was pinch hit for against a lefty last Friday against the Braves, and though the Yankees could look for similar opportunities to do so, he doesn't like that idea either.

"My numbers are better [compared to last season] against lefties," he said. "I don't think — like, why."

Chisholm's batting average is similar against lefties and righties, but his OPS is nearly 90 points lower against left-handed pitching. The Yankees have also built some right-handed depth after trading for Heliot Ramos, who pinch hit for Spencer Jones in the eighth inning Thursday.

As for how to fix his own season-long hitting woes — his .687 OPS is down massively from his .813 mark a year ago, as are most of his numbers — Chisholm sounded out of ideas. When it was put to him that he has a 40 percent whiff rate against breaking pitches, Chisholm replied, "I'm at a 40 percent whiff rate on every pitch right now."

"Missing fastballs down the middle. Missing sliders down the middle. I can't tell you why," he said. "Or else I would be hitting."

Chisholm said he's talked to Paul Goldschmidt a couple of times about the pressure of being a pending free agent, but claimed that's not weighing on him so much as his struggles are in general.

Given the Yankees' bigger-picture hitting issues, which were at the forefront again Thursday, the club desperately needs Chisholm to solve what's ailing him sooner rather than later.

"I feel like overall, he's making good swing decisions," manager Aaron Boone said. "He's not chasing. There's some patience in there. But probably, whether it's just missing, maybe a foul off, maybe swinging through more pitches than he's used to, just hasn't gone on that hot streak at any point."

That might be coming, Chisholm said. Although, whether he truly believes it is probably an open question.

"Forty-one good games can turn a season around. And that's what I'm planning on doing," he said. "I feel like mentally, I'm not defeated. So if I was mentally defeated, I think it would have been a different story in my eyes, but I'm not. I feel like I'm still as good as I am."

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Fried lauds ‘D’ as bats waste effort

By ETHAN SEARS

Max Fried’s outing Thursday qualified as good enough that he bears zero blame for the Yankees’ ultimate 1-0 loss to the Mariners.

It wasn’t, however, good enough that he was particularly happy with himself afterward.

“Definitely a grind,” Fried said, having tossed five innings of one-run ball, with Weston Wilson’s home run the only blemish on his record. “Didn’t feel like I necessarily had my best stuff and was a little erratic. Relied on Ali [Sánchez, catcher] and defense. We had some nice defensive plays today.”

Fried required 88 pitches to get through his five innings of work and, mostly, pitched to contact. After getting Randy Arozarena and Julio Rodriguez looking to start the game, Fried struck out just two Mariners. The Yankees’ infield defense, though, was excellent behind him, and the Mariners hit all of six balls hard against him, according to Statcast.

George Lombard Jr. started one double play, made a clean turn at second on another and made a charging play on Brandon Donovan’s second-inning ground ball that Jazz Chisholm Jr. was caught waiting on.

A 2-2 cutter that hung in the middle of the zone for Wilson was the only real mistake of Fried’s day, and even that cleared the left field wall at Yankee Stadium by all of one row.

“Definitely wish I had that two-strike back to Wilson,” Fried said. “But all in all, grinded. Definitely a hard-fought game today.”

To the extent you could call anything a problem, it was that Fried threw more pitches than necessary, perhaps costing himself a chance to go deeper into the game.

“I think probably a couple of those innings, he had a chance to have a quick inning and they maybe worked their way on or worked foul balls and things like that, longer counts,” manager Aaron Boone said. “So it made for a longer day out there for him in some put-away situations.

“I thought [his] stuff again was really good. Got a couple of double play balls that helped him.”

Indeed, if this qualifies as underwhelming, the Yankees will qualify as happy with the bigger-picture outlook from their ace. Thursday was Fried’s third straight start — and fourth in five — of allowing one run or fewer.

“Sign me up for one run, getting us into the middle of the game,” Boone said. “We just weren’t able to do much offensively. But I thought he threw the ball pretty well overall.”

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ONE MISTAKE: Max Fried hangs his head after giving up a home run to Weston Wilson in the Yankees’ 1-0 loss.

Robert Sabo

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INJURY REPORT

- **Carlos Rodón** (elbow inflammation) made his second rehab start Thursday with Double-A Somerset, tossing 4 1/3 scoreless innings.
- **Cody Bellinger** (hamstring strain) and Giancarlo Stanton (calf strain) ran the bases without incident Tuesday and Wednesday, Boone said. The next steps for both are not known.

ON DECK

at Blue Jays

Friday, 7:15 p.m., Apple TV, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Gerrit Cole

2026 stats:
6-5, 3.35 ERA

Career vs. TOR:
9-2, 2.75 ERA

Last start:
Sat., vs. ATL;
7 IP, 2 ER, 9 K

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Slider	Change
48%	20%	15%

RHP Shane Bieber

2026 stats:
3-2, 5.48 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
2-1, 4.11 ERA

Last start:
Sun., at PHI;
5.2 IP, 6 H, 5 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Change	Curve
34%	19%	19%

UP NEXT

SATURDAY: at Blue Jays,
3:07 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Cam Schlittler
vs. TBD

SUNDAY: at Blue Jays,
3:07 p.m., YES, WFAN
LHP Ryan Weathers
vs. RHP Dylan Cease

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Netflix

STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

The drab **“Midwinter Break”** (Netflix) never fulfills the promise of its powerhouse leads, **Ciarán Hinds** and **Lesley Manville** (left).
OUR CALL: SKIP IT

WHAT TO WATCH

Charlie Gillespie (far left) will be playing Troy Barrett when Season 2 of **“Heated Rivalry”** hits our screens in the Spring of 2027, but for many, our first exposure to the Canadian actor was as one of the leads in **“Julie and the Phantoms”** (Netflix). The series follows teenager Julie, a talented musician who has lost her passion for singing following her mother’s passing.

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

SHE’S GOT THE RECEIPTS

‘The McBee Dynasty’ star Allie Eklund knew she had to reveal Steven McBee Jr.’s text messages

By KAREN KEMMERLE

Nothing could have prepared Allie Eklund for her first foray into reality TV with Bravo’s **“The McBee Dynasty: Real American Cowboys.”** The social marketing expert/influencer had no idea that her romance with series star Steven McBee Jr. would end the way it did—with him publicly and falsely accusing her of cheating at Stagecoach. To clear her name, Eklund was forced to release their text messages, which also exposed McBee’s abrasive and disconcerting tone.

Even though Eklund and McBee are no longer together, the two of them must watch back the early days of their relationship on “The McBee Dynasty” Season 3. However, Eklund doesn’t hold any resentment towards McBee and his family.

“I try to look back at everything with appreciation and gratitude for the experiences,” said Eklund. “We made some great memories together.”

However, it’s been interesting for her to watch back everything that transpired between them.

“You’re gonna see my eyes open to some of the things that I believe were being hidden from me,” teased Eklund of how the season progresses.

Luckily, Eklund has plenty to distract her from reliving her past drama. Her family’s ranch—the EEE Ranch—keeps her plenty busy, as does her new line of apparel and home goods. The EEE Mercantile is a passion project spearheaded by Eklund and her sister. “This started as a hobby with my family, but we quickly realized that there was a market for our products,” said Eklund. “Our merchandise line has expanded and our team’s growing.”

DECIDER: Allie, it feels like you’ve lived several lives since filming for Season 3 of “The McBee Dynasty.” How do you look back on the experience today?

ALLIE EKLUND: I feel like I’ve lived several lives in general, but definitely a few since filming [laughs]. I try to look back at everything with appreciation and gratitude for the experiences.

True to your entrepreneurial spirit, you have an apparel and home goods line tied to your family’s ranch. Can you give us an update on how things are going?

That’s something that we’ve been working on for the last five or six years. I started my career in online sales and social selling. This passion project was a natural extension of that. This started as a hobby with my family—my sister specifically—but we quickly realized that there was a market for our product line. It has expanded, and our team is growing. We’re also located in a couple of ACE Hardware stores across Texas. It’s been very exciting.

Brian Zak/NY Post

Above: Allie Eklund.
Below left: Allie McBee and Eklund on “The McBee Dynasty: Real American Cowboys.”.

I’m glad you have something to keep you busy with all the drama that’s been going on. A lot has been said about your team negotiating your contract before you even stepped foot onto the McBee farm to visit Steven. Looking back at everything that happened, do you feel vindicated?

Yes. Prior to my going to the McBee Farm, Steven had visited me in Nashville multiple times. We had been talking for a month or so at that point, but then he had to jump into filming. He wanted me to come visit. Naturally, with any new sort of business venture, I have a team that needed to be consulted. I had pre-existing businesses that I had to protect.

After Steven publicly accused you of cheating on him at Stagecoach, you took to Instagram and posted those text messages he sent you. Why did you feel it was important to share them on your social media?

He made his post about me prior to our having a real conversation. I had around $50,000 in brand deals that were on the line and in danger of being dropped because of all of the drama circulating online. I released the messages specifically responding to the claims that he made about me because I felt that it was important to show my side of the situation.

My hands were tied. I didn’t have any other option at that point. I had to respond and prove that his accusations were false. I would encourage my sisters, my friends, my family, or any other woman to defend themselves by any necessary means. Steven isn’t used to women sticking up for themselves. I had put my foot down. Looking back, I’m happy that I did.

FX

TRENDING NOW

Need the lowdown on **“The Lowdown”** Season 2? **Betty Gilpin** (far left) and Tommy Lee Jones join series star **Ethan Hawke** (left) this season, which premieres on Oct. 14 on FX and Hulu.

WHAT’S NEW

ON HBO/HBO MAX
“**Whitmer Thomas: Terminal Crew of Dudes**,” Thomas’ second HBO stand-up special (left).

ON NETFLIX
“**Don’t Say Good Luck**,” a coming-of-age dramedy.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

ADVENTURE

Gladiator: 5:15 p.m. on PARSHO. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. A former Roman General sets out to exact vengeance against the corrupt emperor.

DOCUMENTARY

Deadliest Catch: 8 p.m. on DSC. Captains Sig and Sophia shift their fishing strategy as back-to-back injuries plague the Northwestern deck crew.

COMEDY

Ace Ventura: Pet Detective: 8 p.m. on VH1. Jim Carrey, Sean Young. A goofy detective specializing in animals goes in search of a missing mascot.

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Evening	SP	C	F	6:30	7:00 pm	7:30	8:00 pm	8:30	9:00 pm	9:30	10:00 pm	10:30	11:00 pm	11:30
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	N.F.L. - Pretemporada - NFL Preseason Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at New York Jets New York Jets meets Tampa Bay Buccaneers in NFL.						Boston Blue "Chasing Monsters"		CBS News New York	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4/(7:15) New York	Access Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Judges' Callbacks 2" Recap Show				Dateline		News 4 New York At	(11:35) Tonight
5 WNYW	5	5	5	Politics Unusual	Extra	TMZ	MasterChef UK "Tag Team"		Nation's Dumbest Anthony Michael Hall, Jon Heder		10 O'Clock	Street Soldiers	Good Night New York	Family Feud Favorites
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Jeopardy "Episode 9"		20/20				Eyewitness News at	(11:35) Jimmy Kimm
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	The News On My 9	Politics Unusual	Chicago Fire "Not Everyone Makes It"		Family Feud			
11 WPIX	11	11	11	Mets Prega (Live)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at New York Mets (Live)						New York (Live)	PIX11 News at Ten	New York (Live)	Seinfeld
13 WNET	13	13	13	Bbc World News	The PBS News Hour "The PBS News Hour"		Washington "Episode 7"	Firing Line w/ Margaret	Great Perf "Samara Joy at Royal Albert Hall"		Great Performances "The Magic of Grace Bumbry"		Amanpour and Company "14.08.2026"	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) PBSNe..	Inspector George Gently "Gently Evil"			The Brokenwood Mysteries			(10:05) Astrid		BBC News	DW The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Civil Disc	Made In NY Talks			Vintage	Inside Power	Live from the Artists Den		Short Film	NYU Journa	Cinema
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41 WXTV	41	6	41	Noticias Univision 41 @11p										
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Top Chef VIP "Episodio 2"				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti		Noticiero	Noticias
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AMC	54	43	231	(5:00) Den of Thieves (‘18,Action) ★★★			The Departed (2006,Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. ★★★★							Blow ★★★
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) The Secret Life of Bees (2008,Drama) Paul Bettany. ★★★					Set It Off (1996,Drama) Jada Pinkett Smith. ★★★					
BBCAM	71	101	189	(6:00) Law & ..	Law & Order "Couples"		Law & Order "Smoke"		Law & Order "Bodies"		Law & Order "Bounty"		Law & Orde "Patient Zero"	
BRAVO	18	44	185	(6:00) McBee..	McBee Dynasty: Real		The Idaho Student Murders				The Matrix (1999,Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves. ★★★★			
CNBC	15	24	102	(6:00) MadM..	Shark Tank		Shark Tank "Episode 6"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank "Episode 21"	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead w/	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360		Source w/ Kaitlan Collins		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COM	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	(7:35) Office	(8:10) Office	(8:45) Office	(9:20) The Office		(9:55) Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
DIS	49	31	250	(6:15) Descendants: Wicked Wonderland			Camp Rock 3 (‘26,Family)			ZOMBIES:	ZOMBIES:	(10:35) Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
DSC	66	27	120	(6:00) Deadlie..	Deadliest "Crushing Ice"		Deadliest Catch		In the "Spin City"		In the "Mile-Wide EF5"		In the Eye of the	
E!	24	51	196	Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011,Action) Tyrese Gibson. ★★★							Transformers: Age of Extinction (‘14,Sci-Fi) ★★			
ESPN	28	36	70	(5:00) Little	Little Little League Baseball Regionals (Live)				Little Little League Baseball Regionals (Live)				SportsCenter (Live)	
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FNC	44	26	118	(6:00) Special	The Ingraham Angle (Live)		Jesse Watters (Live)		Hannity (Live)		Gutfeld!		Fox News at Night (Live)	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners,	Diners,	Diners,	Diners,	Diners,	Diners,	Kitchen	Diners,	Diners,	Diners,	Diners,
FREFRM	38	49	199	Monsters, Inc. (2001,Comedy) Billy Crystal. ★★★				Monsters University (2013,Animated) Billy Crystal. ★★★					The 700 Club	
FS1	400	99	83	SPEED w/	Kevin Harv	2026 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Richmond (Live)				Kevin Harv	Indycar NICS Practice Markham			2026 NASCA
FX	10	40	53	Movie	The Martian (2015,Sci-Fi) Matt Damon. ★★★						Captain America: The First Avenger (‘11,Action) ★★★			
HALL		191	240	(6:00) A December Bride ★★★			Santa Tell Me (2024,Romance) Erin Krakow. ★★★				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	(6:00) Extreme	My Lottery Dream Home		My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	Zillow	Roast My	House Hunt	House Hunt	House Hunt
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LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS "Hereafter"		NCIS "Detour"		NCIS "Prime Suspect"		(10:05) NCIS "Seek"		(11:05) NCIS "Squall"	
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MSG	27	87	78	(4:30) FanDuel Racing				MSG PM	INTENNSE Season Finale				NY Giants	NY Giants
MSG	48	88	80	(5:00) NHL	MSG PM	MSG PM	Club 30		NHL				MSG PM	MSG PM
MSNOW	14	23	103	(6:00) Beat w/	The Weeknight (Live)		All in w/ Chris (Live)		Briefing w/ Jen (Live)		Last Word w/ (Live)		11th Hour w/ Ali (Live)	
MTV	20	53	210	Big Bang	The Hangover (2009,Comedy) Zach Galifianakis. ★★★					The Hangover Part II (2011,Comedy) Bradley Cooper. ★★★				
NATGEO	65	162	121	(6:00) Dublin	Dublin Narcos		Dublin "The Untouchables"		Amsterdam Narcos		Amsterdam Narcos		Amsterdam Narcos	
NICK	6	121	252	Movie	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009,Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★							Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) Put a R..	Put a Ring "Ex Appeal"		Put a Ring on It		Iyanla: The Inside Fix		Iyanla: The Inside Fix		Put a Ring on It	
PARMT	36	56	54	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	Couples Retreat (2009,Comedy) Vince Vaughn. ★★			
SNY	26	60	77	Proving	Broadway Boxing Broadway Boxing 2402				Oh Yeah...	Oh Yeah...	Mets Post	SportsNite	SportsNite	NFL Football
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:00) The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare ★★★				The Predator (2018,Action) Boyd Holbrook. ★★					The Ark "The One"	
TBS	8	39	52	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Pretty Woman (1990,Romance) Richard Gere. ★★★					(10:35) Just Go With It ★★★		
TCM	82	41	230	(5:45) The Apartment ★★★			The Out-of-Towners (‘70,Comedy) ★★★			(9:45) The Front Page (‘74,Comedy) Jack Lemmon. ★★★				Movie
TLC	52	28	139	(6:00) 90 Day	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé "More to Love: On Borrowed Time"				90 Day	90 Day: The Last Resort		90 Day
TNT	3	37	51	Movie	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (‘03,Fantasy) Elijah Wood. ★★★★									Black Adam
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy Griff	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	Everybody	(9:20) Everybody Loves		Everybody	Everybody	King of	King of
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) Chicago	Anna Pigeon		Wwe Friday Night Smackdown				Anna Pigeon "Hide + Seek"		(11:05) Law & Orde	
VH1	19	52	217	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (‘94,Comedy) ★★★				College Road Trip (2008,Comedy) ★★			
WE	59	42	149	Superbad (2007,Comedy) Michael Cera. ★★★					Age Inappropriate		Age Inappropriate		Superbad ★★★	
YES	53	89	76	Yankees	International Friendly Wrexham at Liverpool				Brooklyn	Nets Pod	Talkin' Yanks	Bare Knuck	BKFC Rewind	
HBO	511	301	400	(6:20) Monst..	(7:15) Blockers (2018,Comedy) Leslie Mann. ★★★				Whitmer Thomas:		Real Time with Bill Maher		Whitmer Thomas:	
MAX	531	371	420	Movie	(7:20) The Man (‘17,Drama) ★★★			(8:45) Repo Men (2010,Action) Jude Law. ★★★				(10:35) Queer (‘24,Drama) ★★★		
MGM Plus	595		395	(5:35) Seabiscuit (‘03,Drama) ★★★			Rocky (1976,Drama) Sylvester Stallone. ★★★				Rocky II (1979,Drama) Sylvester Stallone. ★★★			
PARSHO	551	321	365	(5:15) Gladiator ★★★★		(7:50) The Bodyguard (1992,Drama) Kevin Costner. ★★★					Don Jon (‘13,Comedy) ★★★			Movie

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Bailey debut, return of Geno on tap as Glenn plans to play everybody tonight

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Rookie edge rusher David Bailey, the second overall pick in April's draft, has impressed during training camp for the Jets. Tonight, he will get a chance to terrorize an opposing quarterback in the NFL for the first time as Geno Smith and Gang Green take on the Buccaneers.

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